

Middlesex Concert Band Presents “Songs of the Silver Screen”

A Celebration of the Best-Loved Movie Songs of All Time on March 13, 2016

Wakefield, MA – Sometimes, the most memorable part of a movie is the music associated with it—whether an original song or music drawn from classical and popular repertoires. In *Songs of the Silver Screen*, the **Middlesex Concert Band** will explore a broad cross-section of movie music. In addition to lots of great instrumental music, the concert will also feature singers from **Voices of Hope** who will give voice to some of the best-loved movie songs of all time. *Songs of the Silver Screen* will be presented on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Galvin Middle School Auditorium, 525 Main Street, Wakefield, MA. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. so there is plenty of time to check out the popular annual gift basket raffle.



Music Director Mark Olson leads the Middlesex Concert Band at their annual Carols & Cookies concert on December 13, 2015. Olson will once again be at the podium on Sunday, March 13, 2016 when the Middlesex Concert Band presents *Songs of the Silver Screen*.

Music Director Mark Olson has programmed an exciting afternoon of music, featuring more than a dozen memorable movie songs. From classical pieces like Richard Strauss’s “Also Sprach Zarathustra,” which is forever linked in moviegoers’ minds to the sci-fi classic *2001: A Space Odyssey*, to the funky jazz strains of Henry Mancini’s “Pink Panther Theme” and the beautiful love song “I Will Always Love You,” there will be something for everyone in this blockbuster concert.

You’ll hear several award-winning songs from the Disney Studios in “Disney at the Oscars,” and a full-length arrangement of “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice,” immortalized in the iconic Mickey Mouse animated short from *Fantasia*. The program will also feature several other favorites like the classic Western theme from *The Magnificent Seven*, a suite of chart-topping James Bond theme songs, the familiar strains of “Colonel Bogey March” featured in *Bridge Over the River Kwai*, and a collection from the ever-popular John Williams in “John Williams: A Fantasy of Flight,” including themes from *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, *Harry Potter*, and, naturally, *Star Wars*.

The Middlesex Concert Band is pleased to welcome members of **Voices of Hope** to share the stage for this concert. These talented singers will be performing with the band on several pieces, including “As Time Goes By,” which is forever linked to the classic film *Casablanca*, “Theme from New York, New York,” which found a much longer-lasting success as a jazz standard than the movie of the same name, the haunting love song “I Will Always Love You” popularized by Whitney Houston in *Bodyguard*, and the joyful “I’ve Had the Time of My Life” from *Dirty Dancing*. Of course, no concert of movie songs would be complete without the song most often rated as the best of all time—“Somewhere Over the Rainbow” from *The Wizard of Oz*.

Voices of Hope (VOH) is a nonprofit organization based in Lawrence, Massachusetts, dedicated to raising funds for cancer research through theatrical performances. With over 100 members who each share a passion for the performing arts and a desire to join the fight against cancer, VOH has donated over \$380,000 to cancer research since they started performing in 2009. “Through song we celebrate those we love, remember those we have lost, honor those who fight, and rejoice for those who survive,” says Greg Chastain, president and founder of VOH.



Joining the Middlesex Concert Band for this concert will be several members of Voices of Hope, seen here on stage at the North Shore Music Theater during their annual Fall Gala on October 17, 2015.

“We are thrilled to have singers from Voices of Hope joining us for this concert,” said Olson. “While there will be lots of great instrumental music in this program,” Olson remarked, “certain pieces really need the vocals to bring them to life.”

“We are very honored to be invited to sing with such a talented orchestra and cannot wait to share this beautiful music with all in attendance,” said Chastain “It’s going to be wonderful night of music we all know and love.”



In addition to nearly two hours of great music, *Songs of the Silver Screen* also features the Middlesex Concert Band’s annual gift basket raffle. This has become a highly-anticipated event, featuring up to a dozen themes baskets packed with gourmet foods and wines, valuable gift certificates, and other exciting gift items. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. so concertgoers will have plenty of time to browse the raffle baskets before the concert begins.

The Middlesex Concert Band is a nonprofit, community band based in Wakefield, Massachusetts, and made up of more than 50 musicians of all ages who come from throughout Northeast Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Originally founded in the 1950s as a marching band, the group evolved into a concert band in 1975. While the membership naturally fluctuates from year to year as members’ lives change, there is a core of nearly half the band’s roster who have been members for 15 to 20 years, and more.

Songs of the Silver Screen takes place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at the Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium in the Galvin Middle School, 525 Main Street, Wakefield, MA. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and children under 12 for tickets purchased in advanced. There is a \$2 per ticket surcharge for tickets purchased at the door. For tickets and more information about *Songs of the Silver Screen* or the Middlesex Concert Band, go to www.mcbconcertband.org. For questions about tickets, please contact the MCB box office at boxoffice@mcbconcertband.org (or 781-670-7662).