

# AVERILL PARK

## COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

December 2018 Newsletter

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### FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR...

It's hard to believe how fast the time has gone; our concert just two weeks away. This time it is at **Averill Park High School auditorium on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 4:00PM**. There is no charge to attend, but any donations made help offset our expenses. Bring friends and family to join us for a fun and memorable performance of selections from Phantom of the Opera, the famous "Allegretto" from Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, and of course, many holiday favorites to celebrate the season. We look forward to seeing you there, and enjoying a spread of delicious refreshments afterward!

You can also celebrate the end of the Christmas season with us on **Sunday, January 6, 2019** at 6:30 PM with music performed by chamber groups derived from our APCO membership at **Salem United Methodist Church's Epiphany Concert in West Sand Lake, NY**. Selections will include your favorite carols performed by strings, brass, woodwinds, and even some flute and guitar duets, and a recorder ensemble!

Wishing everyone a relaxing and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Christina

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." — Plato



## TREASURER'S REPORT

You can now donate to APCO without spending more money, by doing any shopping on Amazon through Amazon Smile! APCO has recently registered with Amazon as a charity, which allows us to receive .5% of all purchases made through our group. This does not affect the prices you pay, nor your Prime status. All you have to do is enter the Amazon website through Amazon Smile and select Averill Park Community Orchestra as your charity of choice! The web address is <https://smile.amazon.com>. APCO will automatically receive the donation on a quarterly basis. Spread the word to friends and family!

We are still in the process of collecting dues for the year. If you have not yet submitted your dues, please do so as soon as possible. This helps provide needed funds for music, supplies, space rental, and other expenditures throughout the year.

Viola Persia

### OUR COMMITTEES IN ACTION:

We would like to introduce our new Communications/Branding Committee, which includes Penny Semeiks, as Committee Chair, along with Andrea Indelicato, Jeannine Wendell, Sarah Howard, and Christina Desmond.

They have been hard at work designing programs, flyers, publicity promos, and business cards, formatting the newsletters, starting a webpage and a google calendar, and running our FB group, etc. We couldn't have started off with a more dedicated and proactive team!

Here is a link to our Google calendar, which will eventually be available on our website that we anticipate to have up and running by the start of the new year. Look for a link to that in our next newsletter!

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=aGFpamV0NWt1ZWRTZTlibDFibWxzczGZoYWdAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

See our APCO members in other local music events...

### Capital Area Flute Club “Festival of Trees” and Crossgates Mall Holiday Concerts



The Capital Area Flute Club will be performing a holiday concert at **the Empire Plaza in Meeting Room 6 from 1:15 - 2pm on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. There will be crafts for the kids! Vendors will be located through the concourse. There will also be a train show. Stick around for the tree lighting and fireworks, while you enjoy free ice skating! It will be a very festive!

The Capital Area Flute Club is also performing at the Crossgates Mall across from Lucky Strike on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm. Listen to some holiday music while you get some last-minute holiday shopping done!

### Siena Chamber Orchestra Concert (see flyer below)

Thursday, December 6, 2018 – 7:00PM

Beudoin Theatre, Foy Hall, Siena College

Loudonville, NY



*Siena Chamber Orchestra Presents:*

## *Rosamunde Overture, W. A. Mozart Violin Concerto #3*

Thursday Dec. 6th 2018  
7:00 pm

Beudoin Theatre, Foy Hall Siena College  
Free and open to the public





### **SPECIAL MUSIC for Christmas!**

The trio Harmonious Winds will present special music for the the Christmas season during the church service at Carman United Methodist 2350 Hamburg Street Schenectady NY 12303 on Sunday, December 9, 2018.

Harmonious Winds consists of Jack Ishman, Viola Persia, and Sarah Johnsen Popiel. While these musicians play a variety of instruments, the performance on December 9 will focus on flutes only.

### **Delmar Community Orchestra Holiday Concert**

The Delmar Community Orchestra will be performing a holiday concert on December 10, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
at Bethlehem Town Hall 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar

### **Orchestra on the Commons Holiday Concert**

The Orchestra on the Commons will be performing a holiday concert on Friday December 14, 2018 at 1 pm  
at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center 6 Clifton Commons Blvd Clifton Park

### **Burnt Hills Oratorio Society – A Community Festival of Carols**

Friday, December 21, 2018 – 7:30 PM  
Immaculate Conception Church  
400 Saratoga Rd., Glenville, NY