THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE LESS

PRESENTS

THE SECOND ANNUAL OUTREACH BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CHILDREN

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN THROUGH MUSIC

THE CANADIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK CITY

PETER CAROLLO, TREBLE (THE AMERICAN BOY CHOIR)

THE SCARSDALE INTERFAITH HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

THE SENIOR YOUTH CHOIR OF ST. JAMES THE LESS
THE PARISH CHOIR OF ST. JAMES THE LESS

JUSTIN BISCHOF, CONDUCTOR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2008 7:00 PM

THE PROGRAM

Overture to Candide

Leonard Bernstein (1918–1990)

The Canadian Chamber Orchestra of New York City Justin Bischof, conductor

Chichester Psalms

Bernstein

Peter Carollo, treble (The American Boy Choir)
The Parish Choir, The Senior Youth Choir and The Interfaith Choir
The Canadian Chamber Orchestra of New York City
Justin Bischof, conductor

Symphony No. 5

Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840–1893)

I Andante / Allegro con anima II Andante cantabile con alcuna licenza III Allegro moderato IV Andante maestoso

The Canadian Chamber Orchestra of New York City Justin Bischof, conductor

We ask that you please turn off all cell phones, PDAs, pagers, etc. Tonight's performance is being recorded. Thank you.

WE WISH TO THANK OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS UNDERWRITING OF TONIGHT'S CONCERT AND EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED TICKETS FOR THIS EVENING'S PERFORMANCE.

TOGETHER, AN AMAZING 103 PEOPLE FROM THE SCARSDALE COMMUNITY GENEROUSLY GAVE GIFTS RANGING FROM \$25 - \$13,000.

THE GOAL OF TONIGHT'S BENEFIT IS TO SEND 45 CHILDREN FROM WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES' AMAZING AFTERNOONS PROGRAM AT THE EDWARD WILLIAMS SCHOOL TO THE WAGON ROAD CAMP IN CHAPPAQUA NEXT SUMMER.

YOUR VISION AND LEADERSHIP GAVE OUR YOUTH BOTH FROM ST. JAMES THE LESS AND THE COMMUNITY THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN DIVINE MUSIC BY THE MASTERS AND SING WITH A FIFTY-EIGHT PIECE PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA.

SUCH EXPERIENCES LAST FOR A LIFETIME.

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS ENABLED OUR CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN THEIR MUSICAL JOURNIES AND BROUGHT FIRST RATE CLASSICAL MUSIC TO OUR TOWN AND COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU!

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN THROUGH MUSIC

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Church of St. James the Less, and to this Ecumenical Concert, *Helping Others Through Music*. We are truly delighted that members of St. James the Less and the Westchester Reform Temple as well others from the Scarsdale community have come together through this concert to help send children from the WJCS' Amazing Afternoons Program of the Edward Williams School of Mount Vernon to the Wagon Road Camp. This program, led by Mary Figueroa, is a crucial and affirming part of the lives of the high-risk children who attend the school.

Music is one of God's greatest gifts. Through music we human beings express our greatest joys, our most profound emotions, and our hopes and dreams. Music is also among the principal means we have of worshipping God. Tonight the beautiful music we will hear will be enhanced in two crucial ways: First, musicians, leaders and concertgoers of different faiths will be united in presenting music that honors God. And second, we will be supporting the heroic efforts of teachers and students who, through their work, are transforming the lives of young people who are at risk in our society. This is truly a momentous occasion, and we must rejoice.

We are grateful to Justin Bischof, Music Director of The Canadian Chamber Orchestra of NYC and Director of Music & Organist at the Church of St. James the Less, for conceiving of these unique outreach events and bringing us together. We are also grateful to the countless volunteers, musicians, teachers, students and others who have worked tirelessly to make this concert possible.

We thank you for coming tonight, and we hope that each and every one of you will be blessed in the fullest way by what is shared tonight.

Father Tom Newcomb Rector

MUSIC PROGRAM OF ST. JAMES THE LESS

Our Music Program, under the leadership of Justin Bischof, Director of Music, is all encompassing from children's choirs to professional orchestral concerts. The overall guiding principle of the program is to bring the St. James community, as well as the one beyond our walls, together in celebration of God's presence through music. Whether it be a simple song with the Youth Choirs, a complex Renaissance anthem with the Parish Choir, a Beethoven Symphony with full orchestra on Easter Sunday, or a concert such as the one tonight, all of these enable both the listener and the musician in each of us to experience the joy and powerful presence of God through music.

Justin works with our children to increase their musical knowledge and skill set through the music of the Church and creates a learning environment that is both engaging and fun for the children. Our Youth Choir "Music Club" meets weekly to learn anthems of all different styles that are performed in the 10:00 a.m. service once a month. The Senior Youth Choir meets several times a month and joins the Youth Choir one Sunday a month, as well as the Parish Choir on various Holy Days.

Our Parish Choir is comprised of dedicated volunteer singers in addition to 4 professional section leaders. They sing each Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service and their repertoire encompasses the full range of choral music from the Renaissance to Gospel. We now have a tradition on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday when the choir is joined by orchestra as we celebrate Christ's Birth and Resurrection.

PETER CAROLLO, TREBLE

Peter Carollo is an eighth grade student at The American Boychoir School in Princeton, New Jersey. As a member of the Concert Choir, he has performed in twenty-six states. Other appearances include a Presidential Prayer Service in New York City attended by President Bush and the First Lady commemorating the fifth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001; the North American premiere of Sir Paul McCartney's oratorio, *Ecce Cor Meum (Behold My Heart)*, at Carnegie Hall; a concert at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.; Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* with the New York Philharmonic and Bernstein's *Kaddish* Symphony and Mahler's Symphony No. 8 with The Philadelphia Orchestra. Peter may be heard on The American Boychoir's newest recording, *Harmony: American Songs of Faith*, (Albemarle Records) available online at www.americanboychoir.org.

JUSTIN BISCHOF, CONDUCTOR

A Canadian-Swiss resident of Scarsdale and New York City, Justin Bischof is one of the most eclectic and acclaimed artists of his generation. He is a rising star in the conducting arena where he has made a name for himself in both operatic and orchestral circles in New York and beyond. He is one of the most prominent concert organists and improvisers in the world today with a repertoire that spans from the Baroque to world premieres. He has performed over 100 times with orchestra both in the US and abroad.

As orchestral conductor, past seasons have seen him work with the National Arts Center Orchestra, The Ensemble Orchestral de Paris, the Canadian Chamber Orchestra of New York City (CCO/NYC) and The Chelsea Symphony. As Artistic Director of CCO/NYC, which is the only chamber ensemble in New York City dedicated to encouraging the artistry of the growing and vibrant community of Canadian orchestral players, he has infused his passion for helping others through music. The 2008–2009 seasons marks several milestones in Maestro Bischof's growing conducting career. He made his Russian Orchestral Conducting Debut in the opening of their prestigious Summer Festival with the State Philharmonic in Kavkazskiye Mineralnye Vody in July. As one of only three State Philharmonics in all of Russia, it is one of the oldest and finest orchestras in Russia with a long and distinguished history. The program included the Russian/European Premiere of James Stephenson's American Fanfare as well as the Russian Premiere of Samuel Barber's First Essay. The program was met with great critical acclaim. In October, he made his Australian Opera Conducting Debut in Perth at the WAAPA leading six fully-staged performances with orchestra of the Australian Premiere of Robert Ward's Pulitzer Prize winning The Crucible.

THE PARISH CHOIR

| SOPRANOS | ALTOS | TENORS | BASSES |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Shannon Bryant | Katie Calcamuggio | Richard Cross | Hayes Biggs |
| Erika Buchholz | Marge Davies | Wilder Howland | Ken Bohringer |
| Gunilla Faringer | Julia Hoffert | Deepak Marwah | Sandy Darlington |
| Molly Kindred | Macrine Ionescu | Phillip Reynolds | Daniel Spratlan |
| Ilse Reynolds | Megan Rathsack | Edwin Vega | Marshall Tilden |
| Jennifer Valle | Abigail Wright | Darwin Williams | |

THE SENIOR YOUTH CHOIR & SCARSDALE INTERFAITH HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

| Annalie Aplin | Sarah Friedman | Rachel Whitney |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Maggie Cutlip | Margaret Gandolfo | Brook Yewer |
| Cecilia Faringer-Perez | Monica Rajan | Tabitha Yewer |
| Isabel Faringer-Perez | Katrina Ricks | |

THE CANADIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK CITY (CCO/NYC) JUSTIN BISCHOF, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

FIRST VIOLIN

Rebecca Cherry, concertmaster Matt Szemela Melissa Tong Nicole Sharlow Shane Thor Galligan Kiwon Nahm Sarah Zun Yan Izquierdo

SECOND VIOLIN

Eiko Tanaka Jenn Ahn Katrin Stamatis Michelle Joo Jeff Philips Chi Young Hwang Sayuri Lyon

VIOLA

Angela Pickett Kristin Sawyer Sila Eser Surai Balbeisi Christian Frederickson

CELLO

Ashley Bathgate Jane O'Hara Jane Pae Hrant Parsamian

BASS

Matthew Cave Kris Saebo P.J. Cinque

FLUTE

Jessica Schmitz Roberta Michel Jill Sokol

OBOE

Christa Robinson Sarah Schram

CLARINET

Pavel Vinnitsky Joshua Rubin David Dunn

BASSOON

Adrian Morejon Thomas Fleming

HORN

Alana Vegter Rachel Drehmann Steve Shterts Jacquelyn Adams

TRUMPET

Sycil Mathai Chris Bubolz

TROMBONE

Sara Lewis Eric Bestmann Jonathan Greenberg

TUBA

Nathan Rawls

TIMPANI/PERCUSSION

Eric Borghi Matt Smallcomb Mike Dobson Min Hye Ju Harula Fujii

HARP

Joy Plaisted Fran Duffy

The Canadian Chamber Orchestra of New York City is the first large ensemble in New York City created by and showcasing Canadian musicians and music as part of its mission. Comprised of many young Canadian players living in the New York City area, our goal is to promote Canadian artistry in New York City and beyond. The inaugural performance of the CCO/NYC took place at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall on March 25th, 2007.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

WESTCHESTER REFORM TEMPLE

WRT was established in 1953 by 40 families who saw the need for a reform temple that might serve the growing Central Westchester Jewish community. The congregation initially gathered at various religious and community facilities in Scarsdale. In 1958 our present home containing a sanctuary, several classrooms and offices was opened. Over the years, it has been greatly enlarged to meet the needs of a growing and thriving congregation.

Westchester Reform Temple welcomes anyone seeking to belong to a caring Jewish community committed to learning, celebrating and serving. As a Reform congregation, we observe the ancient traditions of our people in an ever-evolving manner, through prayer, song, ritual, and communal involvement. Join us and you will become an important part of our growth and development. We seek to make our synagogue a meaningful force in the lives of our members, welcoming and actively soliciting participation in all aspects of congregational life.

AMAZING AFTERNOONS AT MT. VERNON'S EDWARD WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) offers an exciting and enriching extended day program at the Edward Williams Elementary School in Mt. Vernon with NYS Advantage After School funding. Amazing Afternoons serves approximately 100 first- to fifth-graders from 3:15–6:15 PM daily, with activities that include learning games, computer skills, music and dance, literacy, arts and crafts, sports, chess, homework/basic skills assistance, nutrition and conflict resolution. The goals are to improve grades, social skills and behavioral skills and to enhance positive self-image and outlook at school. Thanks to volunteers from Westchester Reform Temple and other community groups, the children share experiences with youth and adults from varied backgrounds and expertise, broadening their exposure and expanding their horizons. For more information, call 914-761-0600 ext. 205 or visit www.wjcs.com.

WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES

WJCS is Westchester's most comprehensive not-for-profit, non-sectarian human service agency, helping people address life challenges, strengthen their networks of support and thrive in Westchester county. Our caring and compassionate programs serve more than 16,000 adults, seniors, children and families each year through approximately 60 sites from Yonkers to Yorktown. A wide range of clinical and community-based mental health, counseling and support programs, home health care services, learning programs and services for people with developmental disabilities are available to those who live or work in our County. We are in your homes, schools, synagogues, in clinic settings, and in the community—for whatever you need, wherever you may be. We're in Your Community... When You Need Us.



The Church of St. James the Less would like to thank everyone who made this evening possible by giving of their time and talent:

Dorothy Yewer and Ilse Reynolds for chairing this concert

Our orchestra, who donated over \$10,000 worth of their fees tonight thereby reducing our expenses considerably

Standing Room Only of Scarsdale and Jack Tacconi for assistance with all catering events and for graciously donating food

Zachy's for generously providing wine at cost for the reception

Rebecca Stedman for creating and donating the glorious flowers

The Music Committee for their tireless efforts and dedication in helping to ensure the success of this Concert

Our Music Director and Conductor, Justin Bischof, for inspiring and leading us to heights we did not think possible

We embrace and rejoice in this tradition for St. James the Less and the Westchester community

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