

To: Music Teachers, Elementary School Principals and Parent Coordinators
*Charlottesville City Schools; Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Nelson,
Madison, Greene, Orange County Schools, other regional school districts;
Area Private Schools; Area Home-School Groups*

From: Elizabeth Roberts, Director of Youth Education, Charlottesville Symphony

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: INVITATION TO DIGITAL YOUTH CONCERT

Beethoven's Belated Birthday Ball

The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia
Invites all area school children to view a digital version
of our 2021 Youth Concert

Available January 4, 2022 through January 31, 2022

Music Director and Narrator: Benjamin Rous
Dancers: Emily Hartka and Abigail Brent
Musicians: Principal Members of the Charlottesville Symphony

Born in 1770, Ludwig van Beethoven would have turned 250 years old on December 16, 2020...if he were still alive! The Charlottesville Symphony hoped to invite students to UVA's Old Cabell Hall to celebrate. Due to the pandemic, we waited and waited for a safe date, but finally decided to throw a ball in his honor instead – and we recorded it for you to enjoy!

Join us online during the month of January, 2022 for *Beethoven's Belated Birthday Ball* where you will hear dance-like works by Beethoven and other more modern composers: William Grant Still, Valerie Coleman and Paquito D'Rivera. Meet the instruments of the orchestra and learn about Beethoven's life, his music, his challenges and his victories! Compare Beethoven's means of expressing himself through music to the other composers' musical languages – and try dancing a waltz and minuet, guided by our friends Emily Hartka and Abigail Brent of the Charlottesville Ballet!

While our annual concerts are designed for students in fourth and fifth grades, we are certain that music teachers can share the video with students of all ages in meaningful ways, and we encourage them to do so. Visit our website where you will find the Study Guide and YouTube links to the music.

<https://cvilleSymphony.org/education-community/youth-concerts/>

Sponsors: The Charlottesville Symphony Society, the County of Albemarle and the Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brown Endowed Fund for Youth Concerts.

PROGRAM

Excerpts from the following works:

Ludwig van Beethoven *Symphony No. 5, Op. 67*

Ludwig van Beethoven *Quartet Op. 18, No. 5, I. Allegro*

William Grant Still *Danzas de Panama, I. Tamborito*

Ludwig van Beethoven *Trio in C Major Op. 87, arranged for brass trio*
(originally for 2 oboes and English Horn)

III. Minuet. Allegro molto. Scherzo - Trio

Patty Hill and Mildred Hill *Happy Birthday*

Ludwig van Beethoven *Septet, Op. 20*

III. Tempo di Menuetto

VI. Andante con moto alla marcia - Presto

Ludwig van Beethoven *Quintet for piano and Winds, Op. 16*

III. Rondo allegro ma non troppo

Paquito D'Rivera *Aires Tropicales*

III. Vals Venezolano

Valerie Coleman *Umoja (Unity)*

Ludwig van Beethoven *Symphony No. 9, Op. 125 in d minor, Mvmt. IV - Ode to Joy*

Video Duration

The video is 55 minutes long, but can be viewed in smaller segments.

Who is eligible to view the video performance:

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The Charlottesville Symphony's Annual Youth Concerts are designed to aid recruitment for local band and orchestra programs by targeting students the year before they begin studying band and orchestra instruments at school. By inviting students to our concerts in the academic year just before they start a school instrumental music program, we aim to help them make more informed decisions about which instrument they will choose to play.

Reservations Procedure and Deadline:

Email: education@cillesymphony.org to request access to the video. Please include the following to complete your registration:

Name

Title

School Name/Homeschool Group Name

Number of Students

Grade level(s) of Students

Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

Note: the video will be released on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Reservations will happily be taken in advance, but the password and link will be sent early that morning, not sooner.

Preparatory Materials and Activities:

A PDF copy of the Study Guide, YouTube links and SOL-related activities will be posted on our website no later than January 1, 2022. Please visit our webpage to access and download any materials you wish to use with your students.

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Questions:

Please direct questions to Elizabeth Roberts, Director of Youth Education, at education@civilesymphony.org.