



CHARLOTTESVILLE  
**SYMPHONY**  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

**50**  
YEARS

**Music Director and Narrator: Benjamin Rous**

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 13, 2024

Re: **INVITATION TO DIGITAL YOUTH CONCERT**

## ***Peter, the Bees, the Alligator...and the Wolf!***

The Charlottesville Symphony at the University of Virginia  
invites all area school children  
to view a digital version of our 2024 Youth Concert.

**Available January 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025**

Our virtual youth concert has been so popular in recent years that we will continue to offer a streamed option. We recorded our live performances in October 2024, and the digital version will be available for viewing in January and February 2025.

*Imagine how the sleek sound of a silvery flute could take flight like a fluttering bird; or how the lumbering low notes of a bassoon might remind you of your grandfather's grumpy gait. Picture the percussion family, mallets whirring like the wings of a bee. Visualize the strings – violins to the basses – vigorously vacillating their bows as they depict a young boy's adventure; and envision the brilliant sounds of brass instruments snapping like an alligator...or a wolf! The Charlottesville Symphony, celebrating its 50th Anniversary Season, will introduce the orchestral families through animal-themed works by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Gina Gillie, Henry Fillmore and Kazumi Totaka, in a performance featuring Sergei Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, narrated by Music Director Benjamin Rous.*

The youth concert is designed for students in fourth and fifth grades; however, 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. Watch for more details and access information in an email later this week. Please visit our website where you will find the Study Guide and YouTube links to the music.

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

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**PROGRAM**

***Excerpts from the following works:***

**Henry Fillmore** *Circus Bee* for woodwind quartet

**Kazumi Totaka (arr. Benjamin Rous)** *Animal Crossing* for string quintet

**Gina Gillie** *Scenes from the Bayou* for brass trio

**Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (arr. Hannes Vanlancker)** *Flight of the Bumblebee*  
for solo marimba and orchestra - I-Jen Fang, marimba

**Sergei Prokofiev** *Peter and the Wolf*  
narrated by Benjamin Rous

**Video Duration**

The video is 47 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@cvtllesymphony.org](mailto:education@cvtllesymphony.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 Wednesday, January 1, 2025. 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 are posted on our website. 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@cillesymphony.org](mailto:education@cillesymphony.org).