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New Haven Symphony Orchestra and New Haven Free Public Library Partnership Expands Access to the Arts

New Library Family Pass Program Provides Free Tickets to Library Cardholders

NEW HAVEN – The New Haven Free Public Library (NHFPL) is partnering with New Haven Symphony Orchestra (NHSO) to offer library cardholders the opportunity to attend concerts for free.

“The New Haven Free Public Library is excited to expand its collection of free passes to museums, theaters, and cultural attractions to embrace the New Haven Symphony Orchestra,” said City Librarian, Martha Brogan. “This new partnership affirms NHFPL’s commitment to provide free access to resources, experiences and opportunities for all.”

NHSO CEO Elaine Carroll says, “The NHSO is pleased to work with NHFPL to further improve our community’s access to the Symphony. Not only will this program provide free tickets, it will also promote the Symphony’s existing free programs, including Family concerts, *School Night at the Symphony*, tickets for the blind, Blue Star tickets for military families, and KidTix for those under age 18”.

Each of the five New Haven Free Public Library locations will have a family pass (2 free adults and children) available for check out for selected performances of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra during the 2018-2019 season. Only one pass per performance per library may be checked out. At each concert, NHFPL will distribute library bookmarks with recommended book titles, selected for grades K-12 and adults, corresponding to the featured orchestral music on each Symphony program.

To learn more about the NHFPL NHSO family pass visit nhfpl.org/kids/museum-passes/.
To learn more about New Haven Symphony Orchestra visit NewHavenSymphony.org.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 500,000 library users through its doors each year, realizing its mission of fostering lifelong learning, inspiring curiosity, and building community through shared access to resources, experiences, and opportunities for all. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the Readmobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Stetson and Wilson. Now and tomorrow, the New Haven Free Public Library will transform lives and contribute to creating a strong, resilient, and informed community where everyone can thrive. For more information, visit nhfpl.org.

About the New Haven Symphony Orchestra

Now celebrating its 125th anniversary season, the New Haven Symphony Orchestra continues to fulfill its mission of increasing the impact and value of orchestral music for its audiences through high quality, affordable performances and educational programming. The NHSO presents more than 40 concerts annually throughout the region and reaches more than 18,000 students through its award-winning educational and community programming. For more information, visit NewHavenSymphony.org.

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