



Maestro Don Liuzzi is in his 12th season as MLSO Music Director, and he established the James Deitz Memorial Young Artist Competition and Bridging the Gap Fellowship Program.

Liuzzi is Principal Timpani for the Philadelphia Orchestra and holds the new re-endowed *Don S Liuzzi* chair, supported by Linda and David Glickstein. Born and raised in Weymouth, MA, Don earned his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Michigan and his Master of Music degree from Temple University.

Having consulted with Yamaha for over 20 years on the development of professional timpani and percussion, he is a Yamaha performing artist, with a highly-regarded Yamaha Global YouTube interview and performance.

Judy Geist, Viola Soloist, joined The Philadelphia Orchestra under the baton of Riccardo Muti in 1983. She was the first woman in the viola section and served as acting assistant principal under former Music Director Christoph Eschenbach.



Photo: Jessica Griffin

Judy is a Curtis Institute of Music graduate; her principal teacher was Joseph dePasquale. After joining The Philadelphia Orchestra, she performed chamber music in collaboration with guest artists Chantal Juillet, Emanuel Ax, Pamela Frank, Jean-Yves Thibaudet, and Christoph Eschenbach, and as a member of the Society Hill String Quintet.

She is a visual artist as well and has given dual presentations of paintings and chamber music in galleries and has exhibited locally.



Julie Chen, age 15, is a sophomore at Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School. She began cello at age 8 and currently studies with Gloria dePasquale, Clancy Newman, and Dominique de Williencourt. She previously studied with Hai-Ye Ni, the principal cellist of The Philadelphia Orchestra and attends the Advanced Study Ensemble program at Settlement Music School on full scholarship. Julie is the principal cellist in the Youth Chamber Orchestra at Temple

Music Prep. She has been the principal cellist of both the Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra and PrISM Strings of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. Julie's other interests include drawing, dancing, singing, playing the piano, and swimming. She is in the gifted program at her school.

Charlotte Blake Alston is an internationally acclaimed storyteller, narrator, and librettist. In July 2021 she was named The Philadelphia Orchestra's Imasogie Storyteller, Narrator, and Host. She has appeared as host and narrator on the Orchestra's School and Family concerts since 1991 and was the host of Sound All Around, the Orchestra's preschool concert series, from 1994 to 2024.



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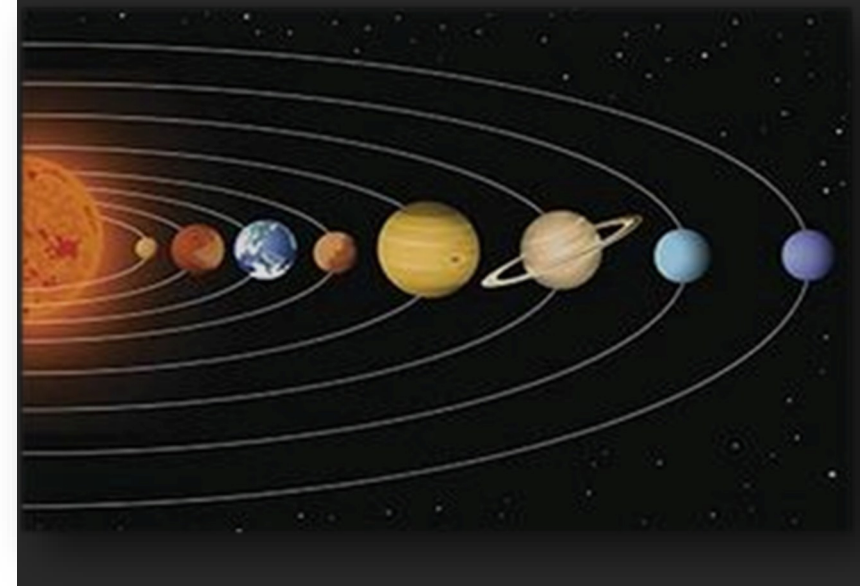
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MAIN LINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Don Liuzzi, Music Director

Gustav Holst: The Planets and Lyric Movement



Friday, February 27, 2026 - 8PM

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Bryn Mawr, PA

Main Line Symphony Orchestra

Don Liuzzi, Music Director • Paul Roby, Concertmaster
Assistant Conductors Scott Cullen & William Einhorn

VIOLIN	Kristen Taylor+	Vanessa Taylor*
Shaarvi Bala	Ashley Volger	Brian Wilson
Sara Benson	CELLO	HORN
Aviva Bock+	Atesh Carmuridan	Rachel Braddick*
Maya Anjali Buchanan+	Ashley Chen-Kim	Douglas Eschbach
Eunice C China+	Claire Coco	Charlie Everett
Carol Chou**	Amanda Dekmar	Daniel Klugman
Jesse Combs	Peter Devyatkin	Nick Lepkowski
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Michael Smith**	FLUTE	Greg Grimshaw
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VIOLA	David Sherry	Ria Ellis
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Tia Solomon	Kat Swift	+Fellow, Bridging the Gap

CONCERT PROGRAM:

Lyric Movement for Viola and Orchestra.....Gustav Holst (c. 1933)

Judy Geist, viola

Concerto for Violoncello & Orchestra, mvt 1.....Samuel Barber (c. 1945)

Julie Chen, Winner of the James Deitz Memorial Young Artist Competition

-----INTERMISSION-----

The Planets..... Gustav Holst (c. 1914-1916)

Charlotte Blake Alston, Original Narration
The sopranos and altos of The Philadelphia Chorale and Villanova University Chorale, Christine Nass, Conductor

- Mars, the Bringer of War
- Venus, The Bringer of Peace
- Mercury, the Winged Messenger
- Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity
- Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age
- Uranus, the Magician
- Neptune, the Mystic

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Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA

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Featuring Jason DePue and the West Powelton Drum Line
Americana 2026
Friday, April 24, 2026
Valley Forge Middle School, Wayne PA

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