Main Line Symphony Orchestra

The Main Line Symphony Orchestra (MLSO), an exceptional community orchestra, opened its 71st season in November 2016. The orchestra rehearses and performs in the Philadelphia western suburb of Wayne, Pennsylvania, drawing dedicated musicians of all ages who seek the challenge of performing standard orchestral literature, as well as new compositions, and accompanying first-rate professional soloists under the guidance of an equally accomplished conductor and concertmaster.

The MLSO has, for many decades, enjoyed a close relationship with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, as well as local college and conservatory faculty. Both Music Director Don Liuzzi and Concertmaster Paul Roby occupy endowed chairs in the Philadelphia Orchestra: Don as Principal Timpanist and Paul as Associate Principal Second Violin. In the last two years with the MLSO, they have recruited soloists from the Philadelphia Orchestra, carrying on a decades-long tradition and association with that orchestra. Don and Paul's predecessors, Philadelphia Orchestra bassist Henry Scott and orchestra violinist Yumi Scott, generously served in the same capacities for the previous twenty-seven years, establishing a quality community orchestra, building a devoted audience, and creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere for making music together.

Some of your neighbors who you might not realize are part of the Orchestra and have been for a number of years include: Elizabeth Brodt - violin (for many years); Robert Handler - viola (11 years); Peter Hartigan - violin (24 years); Folkert H. Kadyk - trombone (52 years); Sandra Kargar - cello (49 years); Diane Sirull - violin (24 years); Joanna Shaw Russ - harp (18 years); Keala TeKolste - violin (12 years); and Linda Trebing - bass. Erlis Wickersham is a member of the Board of Directors and has been a non-playing member for 20 years. Nora Anne DiLemmo is a former Board member and

bassoonist who enjoyed being raised in Tredyffrin Township.

If you have not had the chance to attend a concert, you are missing a real gem that we have at our fingertips in Tredyffrin Township. Concerts are held at the Valley Forge Middle School and you can either purchase tickets per performance or as a season subscriber. For more information about the MLSO, visit their website at www.mlso.org.

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