



WESTMORELAND
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Westmoreland Symphony Presents Home for the Holidays on December 17, 2016

(GREENSBURG, PA) The Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra presents its annual *Home for the Holidays* concert of choral and instrumental holiday music on **Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, Greensburg.**

The concert includes selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, Music from the movie *Frozen*, Richman's *Christmas Sing-Along* featuring songs including *Joy to the World*, *O Come all Ye Faithful*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* and *Deck the Hall*. The concert also includes Herbert's *March of the Toys from Babes in Toyland*, the *First Noel*, Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* and Custer's *Its Christmastime*.



Kate Lechner-Neubert
soprano

The All-Star Choir of Westmoreland County, directed by **Melody Vigo** (Derry), joins the Westmoreland Symphony in performing *Mary Sat a-Rockin'* and *Coventry Carol*. The choir is made up of 65 students from area schools including Belle Vernon, Burrell, Connellsville, Elizabeth Forward, Franklin Regional, Greater Latrobe, Greensburg Salem, Ligonier Valley, Derry and Southmoreland senior high schools. The choir will lead the audience in sing-along selections before closing the concert with the popular *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*, an annual tradition.

Soprano **Kate Lechner-Neubert** is the guest soloist. She will sing *Silent Night*, *Christmas Lullaby* and *Man with a Bag*. Ms. Lechner-Neubert worked for Tony Bennett at RPM Productions in New York City, where she also performed a solo show in various cabaret theatres. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from Gannon University and has also received training as a Musical Theatre Major at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music & Interlochen Arts Camps. She has appeared as a soloist with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra and was featured in the Cincinnati Pops televised Fourth of July concert, alongside the legendary Rosemary Clooney.

Artistic Director **Daniel Meyer** will conduct the evening's performance. As Music Director of the Erie Philharmonic and the Asheville Symphony, Mr. Meyer is recognized as one of the top young conductors of his generation.

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Ticket prices range from \$45, \$32, \$30, \$24 and \$12 (very limited opera box seats \$55) and may be purchased by calling the WSO Office at 724-837-1850 or online by visiting www.westmorelandsymphony.org

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About The Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra

The Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra began in 1969 when a group of community leaders and musicians assembled an orchestra for several concerts at a local high school. Now, 48 years later, the WSO brings world-class soloists to the concert stage. Under the artistic direction of Daniel Meyer, the WSO presents four classical concerts and one holiday pops all at the Palace Theatre in downtown Greensburg. The WSO's Academy of Music provides educational programs including the Young People's Concerts, Summer Philharmonic, Youth Orchestra Programs, Young Artist Competition and private lessons. For more information, please visit the symphony's website www.westmorelandsymphony.org or call 724-837-1850.

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