

WALTHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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13 YEAR OLD PRODIGY PIANIST GEORGE LI JOINS PATRICK BOTTI AND THE WALTHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN A PROGRAM OF GREATEST HITS FEATURING ROSSINI, MENDELSON AND BEETHOVEN

Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 8:00 PM
Kennedy Middle School, 755 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA
Tickets \$15.00 Students/Seniors, \$20.00 Adults
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Music Director Patrick Botti and the Waltham Symphony Orchestra join forces with 13 year old prodigy virtuoso pianist George Li in a program that features Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, Mendelssohn's *Piano Concerto Number 1*, and Beethoven's *Symphony Number 5*. This concert takes place on Saturday, March 28, 8:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Middle School, 755 Lexington Street in Waltham.

According to music director Patrick Botti "this program is designed to thrill music lovers young and old featuring some of the most popular works for orchestra. With the Rossini we come charging into the spring season, we then perform Mendelssohn's piano concert with the very gifted young pianist Gorge Li and finish the concert with one of the most beloved works for orchestra, Beethoven's Symphony No. 5."

Single tickets for this concert are \$15.00 for students and Seniors and \$20.00 for adults. Come one, come all, bring the family. Additional discounts are available for groups of 10 or more; these can be arranged by calling the WSO at 781-642-1050. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.walthamsymphony.org or by calling 781-642-1050. Directions to the Kennedy Middle School (easy access and free parking) can be found on the WSO website.

The Waltham Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Patrick Botti brings the sounds and joy of orchestral music to life for 21st-century Waltham area audiences. The concerts are presented in a casual format that provides great music that is both accessible and entertaining.

The Worcester Telegram and Gazette hailed thirteen-year-old pianist George Li as a "piano virtuoso" with "a talent and technique somewhat larger than this solar system". Having performed publicly since he was nine years old, Li is gaining attention as a significant pianist and soloist with orchestra. He has been featured with ensembles in the USA, China and Latin America. Li began his studies at the age of four and was winning piano competitions by the age of six. In addition to his performance with the Waltham Symphony Orchestra Li will perform this season with the Boston Philharmonic, Brooklyn Philharmonic, and Miami Symphony Orchestra. Li lives with his family in Lexington, MA and is an active fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Born in Marseilles, Music Director Patrick Botti holds degrees from the Marseilles Conservatory, the Paris Conservatory, and the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. He completed post-graduate studies in musicology at both the Sorbonne University and the Paris Conservatory. His conducting teachers have included Jenő Rehak, Franco Ferrara and Pierre Dervaux in Europe and Benjamin Zander, Richard Pittman and Thomas Dunn in the United States.

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Please Note: Interviews & Photographs are available on request with the conductor Patrick Botti and piano soloist George Li.

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