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**THE AUGUST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS
FREE CONCERT IN WESTFIELD**

***Program Features the Barber of Seville Overture and Other Favorites
For An Afternoon of Musical Delight***

Westfield, NJ (June 2017) – The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) announced its annual free concert will be held on Sunday, July 30 at 3:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, under the baton of conductor, Michael Avagliano. The concert promises an afternoon of pure musical enjoyment, including Rossini’s stunning overture from *The Barber of Seville*, Mozart’s rich *Horn Concerto #3* and the vivid Sibelius *Symphony #1 in E Minor Op. 39*.

The overture from Rossini’s Stunning Masterpiece “The Barber of Seville” is one of the most loved and best recognized works in classical opera, thanks in part to its use in countless movies, commercials and the Bugs Bunny cartoon. It comes with a warning of “stuck song syndrome.”

Mozart’s *Horn Concerto No. 3 in E flat, K. 447* features soloist Anthony Cecere on French Horn, giving a softness and richness to the texture of this complex work. Cecere has performed with the Metropolitan Opera, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Boston Symphony, the NJ Symphony and the NY Philharmonic.

“The Sibelius Symphony is very cinematic, evoking the visual imagery of a film score,” said Michael Avagliano. “We are thrilled to present this piece and share with you the composer’s keen affinity for drama and atmospheric orchestration.”

This year marks the second season the orchestra will be conducted by Michael Avagliano, who has served as music director of the Central Jersey Symphony since 2008 and was recently

appointed music director of the Summit Symphony. He is on the faculty of Drew University as conductor of the Drew Chamber Orchestra and violin professor. As a violinist and violist, Mr. Avagliano has appeared with the New Jersey Symphony, the Singapore Symphony, the Strauss Symphony of America, and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, and is an active performer in the New York area.

“Maestro Avagliano brings a wealth of talent and expertise to The August Symphony Orchestra,” states Robert Whiteley, President of TASO. “We are honored to have him lead our orchestra and maintain our high standard of quality performance of musical works.”

The Presbyterian Church in Westfield is located at 140 Mountain Avenue at the intersection of East Broad Street. It offers ample parking and accessibility. There is a parking lot at the back entrance to the church and plenty of on-street parking nearby, as well as a parking lot across the street from the Sanctuary next to the Church Cemetery. The church is handicap accessible via a ramp in the front of the Sanctuary and through the Parish House which is ground level with elevator access.

About The August Symphony Orchestra

The August Symphony Orchestra (TASO) is a non-profit organization whose objective is to enrich the Garden State community by offering an accessible way for classical orchestral music to be performed, listened to, and appreciated by all. TASO’s mission is to maintain a high standard of quality and performance while bringing people together and upholding a spirit of accessibility, community, and mutual love for classical music. The orchestra welcomes and appreciates the financial support from the public as well as from local companies, financial institutions, and New Jersey state grant foundations. For further information please visit:

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