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Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra to Perform Valentine's Concert on February 14

Program to Include West Side Story's Symphonic Dances, Original Disney Arrangements, and Fiery Gypsy Music

January 16, 2009 – Chagrin Falls, Ohio – The Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra and musical director Stephen A. Eva announce that they will perform a Valentine's concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre (40 River Street, Chagrin Falls).

The 45-piece Studio Orchestra will perform an exciting program that includes heartwarming classics and original studio compositions—all in the spirit of the romantic Valentine's holiday—including Leonard Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances" from West Side Story that capture the rhythms of varying cultures; a dreamy, romantic Prince and Princess Suite from the Disney library arranged by Bruce Healey; fiery gypsy music by Maurice Ravel; and a medley from Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific score that was arranged by Robert Russell Bennett, one of the most prolific arrangers of Broadway musicals in history.

"We are inspired by Valentine's Day to share compositions from timeless, renowned love stories that have graced the stage and screen," notes Stephen Eva. "These original scores not only celebrate romance, but capture the drama and intensity of the stories they tell—and are sure to be enjoyed by all."

Tickets for the Valentine's Concert are \$25/adults and \$15/youth (under 18 or with college ID) and may be purchased through the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre by visiting www.cvlft.org; calling 440-247-8955; or stopping by the box office, Monday through Saturday, from 1-6 p.m. The Valentine's Concert is sponsored by Hamlet Village Retirement Community.

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1. CF Studio Orchestra A (violin section)
2. CF Studio Orchestra B (wind/horn sections)
3. CF Studio Orchestra C
4. CF Studio Orchestra D
5. CF Studio Orchestra_Stephen Eva Conductor (and musical director)

CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA is celebrating its inaugural concert season. Founded by renowned music director Stephen Eva, the Studio Orchestra is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit musical organization that makes its home on the stage of the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre. The Studio Orchestra's performers, 40+ strong, are dedicated to sharing authentic studio arrangements—and the classics that inspired them—with the greater Chagrin Valley community. For additional information, visit www.ChagrinFallsStudioOrchestra.org.

STEPHEN A. EVA serves as musical director/conductor of the newly-formed Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra. A native Cleveland and graduate of Shaker Heights High School, he is an accomplished trumpet player who attended The National Music Camp at Interlochen in his youth. After sustaining an injury, Mr. Eva quickly turned his attention to his true love—conducting—and he became the first-ever student conductor at Shaker Heights High School. Mr. Eva graduated from Grove City College with degrees in Economics and Philosophy, at which he organized and directed the first Jazz Ensemble. For the past 25 years, Mr. Eva has been the conductor and driving force of the Hermit Club Symphony Orchestra which is composed of members of the Hermit Club, Cleveland's premier performing arts club. Through the Hermit Club Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Eva has conducted numerous large-scale symphonic works, concertos, chamber music, musical theater, choral, and pops concerts. Mr. Eva is a self-employed industrial equipment systems integrator and hails from a musical family including his sister, Priscilla Eva, a renowned Cleveland-area violinist. Mr. Eva lives with his wife, Marilyn, in neighboring Auburn Township and is a dedicated father of five children.