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Boston Symphony concert tickets giveaway

Sinfonietta Strings of Greater Nashua to perform mid-winter concert for greater Nashua community

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At 7 p.m. on Feb. 4, in the Nashua North High School Auditorium, members of the Sinfonietta Strings of Greater Nashua will be performing their mid-winter concert for the greater Nashua community. As a bonus, Sinfonietta Stings is pleased to offer the community the chance to win tickets to the Boston Symphony concert featuring Renee Fleming, celebrated soprano, at 8 p.m. on March 16 at Boston Symphony Hall. Ten dollars will purchase a chance to win both tickets in the Orchestra seats E15 and E16. Each multiple of \$10 gives you yet another chance. The drawing will be during the Sinfonietta concert on Feb. 4, and the lucky winner will be notified.

To enter the raffle, text "Strings" to 41444. All proceeds will be used for Sinfonietta summer camp scholarships and Instruments.

Seven years ago, in 2012, Sinfonietta Strings of Greater Nashua entered

the music stage with one teacher and 24 students from the two elementary schools. Now, as we enter 2019, its 6th season, Sinfonietta has eight teachers and 140 youth musicians. The program has expanded to six elementary schools, three ensembles and a group lesson program for middle and high school students. Sinfonietta is a program for social change in partnership with the Nashua School District and the United Way of Greater Nashua, offering string instrument training to all students regardless of age, ethnicity or gender. Through group lessons and participation in one of our Mozart, Vivaldi or Tchaikovsky ensembles, students learn both music fundamentals and life skills and experience the thrill of making music in a collaborative setting. There are ensembles for all levels of string players in Nashua and surrounding communities. Sinfonietta teachers are in residence in Amherst Street, Bicen-

ennial, Birch Hill, Dr. Crisp, Mount Pleasant and New Searles elementary schools. Middle and high school group lessons and the ensemble program take place at Nashua High North and includes student musicians from all the participating schools as well as students from surrounding schools.

As there is no student string training program in most schools in Southern New Hampshire, Sinfonietta complements existing band programs teaching children basic skills necessary to read music and play a string instrument. However, Sinfonietta experience is much more than technique as ensemble playing requires cooperation, teamwork, empathy, flexibility and patience. It enables a child to be part of a group of peers mastering his or her part but working as a team and learning that great success comes by working together. While learning to play, the students have a means of expression and a cre-

ative outlet.

Some of our students have never held a violin or cello in their hands. For many of our students, this is their first foray into the world of music ensembles and orchestras. While our goal at the individual level is to empower our young musicians to grow as individuals and community members, our goal at the program level is to collaborate with High School bands and choruses to include a school orchestra in performances and establish a regional youth orchestra for Southern New Hampshire seeded by many of our current string players. This spring, Sinfonietta String students will be performing "Carnival of the Animals" with the Nashua North High School Select band.

Our concerts are open to the public and free of charge. We hope you will join us and meet some of our fabulous student musicians. For more about Sinfonietta, our students, our programs, our profession-



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