

# Reading Bi-Weekly Update

## March 5, 2015



## Special Treat from the Reading Symphony Orchestra!

To help celebrate the Inaugural Concert of RSO's newest conductor, George Ogata, on Sunday, March 22, the Reading Symphony is offering a very special coupon (located on page 2) that allows you to receive two tickets for the price of one! For those of you who have never attended one of their concerts - you are in for quite a treat. There could be no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than listening to this outstanding orchestra... located right here in Reading!

The Reading Symphony Orchestra has an old and cherished tradition of providing quality music to the Greater Reading Community. It all began in 1931 when a talented and dedicated Reading High School music teacher named Samuel W. Peck brought together a few high school students and interested musicians and started the Reading Civic Orchestra rehearsing in the home of Mrs. Bigelow, where he was boarding.

From those humble beginnings, the Reading Symphony Orchestra grew and went on to survive the depression of the 1930's, two world wars, a number of international conflicts, and Sunday afternoon football as well.

Over those years, they have had six conductors and outstanding guest artists such as Arthur Fiedler, Virgil Fox, Percy Aldridge Grainger, Jesus Maria Sanroma, Joseph Silverstein, and Mia Chung. They have attracted players from 28 communities and four states, and played to an increasingly wider audience in a variety of venues.

With a mission to provide a performance outlet for talented musicians of all ages and occupations, the Reading Symphony Orchestra is especially reaching out to young people to learn and appreciate music and to help us all become the best we can be through our love and appreciation of the arts.

Special guest violinist, Haldan Martinson, Principal Second Violin of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will be performing with the orchestra for this special event.

Music to be performed at the concert: Berlioz – Roman Carnival Overture; Dvorak – Violin Concerto featuring Mr. Martinson, and Tchaikovsky Symphony #5 in E Minor Op. 64.

The performance will be held at the William E. Endsloew Performing Arts Center at the Reading Memorial High School, 62 Oakland Road.

Tickets can be purchased at the door (and with the coupon below you will receive two tickets for the price of one!). Adults are \$15, Seniors & Students are \$10, and children 12 and under are free. Don't forget to bring your coupon with you!

This would be the perfect opportunity to bring the entire family to enjoy the Reading Symphony Orchestra. Children love live music performances and it is never too early or too late to expose them to all types of music... and perhaps you will be planting a seed for a love of music and the arts that will last a lifetime.

Reading Symphony Orchestra



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**Reading Symphony Orchestra**  
**The Inaugural Concert of George Ogata**  
**March 22, 2015 3:30 PM**

Berlioz/Roman Carnival Overture      Dvorak/Violin Concerto  
Tchaikovsky/Symphony No. 5

William E. Endsloew Performing Arts Center, Reading Memorial High School

**2 for 1 Tickets**  
**Bring this coupon to receive two tickets**  
**for the price of one on March 22, 2015**



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