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ECISO SUMMER CONCERT GALA – June 25, 2021

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ECISO will hold a summer concert Gala at Stonington Vineyards – Friday, June 25th, 2021

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra will be holding a summer concert fundraiser at the Stonington Vineyards on Friday, June 25th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The concert will feature over 40 ECISO musicians, led by Music Director & Conductor, Toshiyuki Shimada. The orchestra will perform works by Leonard Bernstein, John Williams, Edward Elgar, and more, in addition to special selections performed by soprano, Sarah Yanovitch Vitale.

Tickets are available to purchase at stoningtonvineyards.com and cost \$75 per person.

“Stonington Vineyards became one of the ECISO’s new partners as we found ways to perform music in smaller ensembles as part of the Soundscape Concert Series last summer and fall,” said Executive Director, Caleb Bailey.

Woodfellas Pizza & Wings will be on site offering food for purchase and attendees may also bring their own food. It is recommended to bring a blanket, lawn chairs, and a light jacket as it may get cooler towards the end of the evening. Stonington Vineyards wine will be available for purchase inside the winery and accordingly, no outside alcohol may be brought to the event. Masks must be worn inside to purchase wine, but no masks will be required when sitting outside.

In addition to the funds raised from the concert tickets, everyone will have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items on the ECISO’s GiveSmart page at ecso.givesmart.com. Items range from international trips to local experiences, with a wide variety of price points of donated items. All funds raised from the event and silent auction will support the ECISO’s mission “to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.” Support now is especially important as the ECISO makes plans for its 75th anniversary concert season and returns to presenting indoor performances in the fall.

The Gala is generously sponsored by Chelsea Groton Bank, Dominion Energy, Norwich Ophthalmology Group, PC, Waller, Smith & Palmer, PC, and WhaleRock Point Partners, LLC.

Sarah Yanovitch Vitale info:

Consistently recognized for her rich sound and musical sensitivity, Boston-based soprano Sarah Yanovitch is in demand as a concert soloist and ensemble musician. Ms. Yanovitch has been a frequent soloist with Boston’s Handel and Haydn Society under the artistic direction of Harry Christophers, singing the role of Belinda in Purcell’s *Dido and Aeneas*, and soprano solos in Bach’s *B minor* and *G major* masses, as well as in cantatas 10, 36, 61, 140, and 179. She made her solo debut at Tanglewood in the summer of 2017 with H+H in Purcell’s *Fairy Queen*.

Other notable solo credits include the roles of Cupid and Venus in *King Arthur* with the Henry Purcell Society of Boston, Mozart's *Mass in C minor* and Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus* and *Dixit Dominus* at Boston University Marsh Chapel, Handel's *Messiah* and the Mozart *Requiem* with Arcadia Players, Bach's *Mass in B Minor* with Masaaki Suzuki and Juilliard 415, the Fauré *Requiem* and Beethoven *Symphony No. 9* with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony, and the Brahms *Requiem*, *Carmina Burana*, and Vaughan Williams' *Dona nobis pacem* with Yale Glee Club. Outside of Boston, Sarah has sung with such leading choral ensembles as Bach Collegium San Diego, The Thirteen, Yale Choral Artists, and GRAMMY® nominated Seraphic Fire.

Ms. Yanovitch is a graduate of the Yale School of Music and holds a master's degree in Early Music Voice through the Institute of Sacred Music. During her time at Yale, Ms. Yanovitch worked closely with esteemed conductors Masaaki Suzuki, David Hill, and Simon Carrington, touring as a soloist throughout the United States, Italy, France, The Baltics, India, and the UK.

General organizational information:

The ECSO's mission is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.

The ECSO is now in its 74th season. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the eastern Connecticut region, including New London, Norwich, Waterford, Groton, Mystic, Old Lyme and East Lyme. Recent concerts in Norwich and Willimantic reflect our renewed dedication to serving a broader area.

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