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ECSO – CONDUCT US CONCERT – Oct 2, 2022

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“Conduct Us” October 2, 2022, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM, Hygienic Art Park

On Sunday, October 2 from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, members of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra will be located at Hygienic Arts waiting to perform, all they need is a conductor. The general public will have a chance to conduct *In the Hall of the Mountain King*, *Blue Danube Waltz*, *Toreador Song* from *Carmen*, *Can-Can* from *Orpheus in the Underworld*, and *William Tell Overture* (The Lone Ranger Theme.) Everyone is invited to step up to the podium and try their hand at conducting the orchestra. Our Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada will be there to give guidance and encouragement to the volunteer maestros! Generously sponsored by the City of New London ARPA funds, the City of New London allocated \$130,000 municipal ARPA funds for arts & culture to be re-invested into the community through the Cultural Coalition.

Hygienic Art is located at 79 Bank Street, New London. This unique experience is free and open to the public in the outdoor Frank Loomis Palmer Amphitheater. Pack a lunch or enjoy takeout from the many eateries on Bank Street and come enjoy a gorgeous fall afternoon with us. Families and children are welcome and encouraged.

“Conduct Us” started when the ECSO participated in the international Make Music Day movement, which brings free, community-wide, outdoor musical celebrations to hundreds of cities worldwide! We last held this fun community event in Mystic River Park and we are delighted to bring it to New London.

2022-23 Season general copy:

We are thrilled to announce our 22-23 Season lineup, curated by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada. Season highlights include Grammy-award-winning cellist Sara Sant’Ambrogio performing the Elgar Cello Concerto in October, the return of the New London Big Band in January, the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus singing in Brahms’ German Requiem, and the Earth Day Celebration concert in April. From early fall to late spring, the 75-plus member professional Symphony Orchestra presents six subscription concerts annually, most of which feature guest soloists. Subscription concerts are performed at the historic award-winning Garde Arts Center on State Street in New London.

Visit www.ectsymphony.com for more information and follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube) @ectsymphony. In addition to a range of affordable single-ticket options from \$65 to as low as \$12, the ECSO also offers those under 40 years of age and active or retired military members \$12 tickets in selected sections.

Founded in 1946 by Norwegian immigrant, Victor Norman, the ECSO 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, Willimantic, and Stonington reflect our renewed dedication to serving a broader area. Our mission is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.

