



# OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### MEET THE MUSIC – Hands-on Music Program at the Ocean County Library

**TOMS RIVER** – The Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington Street, Toms River will host a series of programs featuring performances from members of the Garden State Philharmonic with a hands-on segment for children to try out featured instruments. All programs are for children ages 6-12 and their families.

Introduce your child to the joys of classical music through five presentations by the professional musicians of the Garden State Philharmonic and members of the Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Each program will focus on a different musical family of instruments. Children will learn about the Percussion Family, the Woodwind Family, the String Family, and the Brass Family.

After each presentation, children and their families will be able to try out the instruments of the orchestra featured in the presentation. Come to all the presentations so that you can experience playing all of the instruments.

The fifth program in the series will be a performance by the Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

The musical instruments for the hands-on portion of the programs graciously provided by Music and Arts.

#### **"BEAT THAT DRUM"**

Tuesday, Feb 26, 2019\* 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The Percussion Family involves lots of instruments that are hit or struck in a certain way. Hear Garden State Philharmonic musicians perform on the Xylophone, Timpani, Snare Drum, Cymbals, Maracas, and more. Then try all of these instruments yourselves! Our featured musicians are Gregory Landes and Will Marinelli.

#### **"WILD AND WACKY WOODWINDS"**

Tuesday, March 19, 2019\* 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The Woodwind Family is made up of instruments that are either made of wood or metal that you blow into. Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Bassoons, and Saxophones will be featured by members of the Garden State Philharmonic. Musical examples will be drawn from Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring. Each of the instruments will be available afterward for you to explore.

### **"STRINGS AND THINGS"**

Tuesday, April 16, 2019\* 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Let us "string you along" as members of the Garden State Philharmonic demonstrate all the instruments of the String Family in a Symphony Orchestra. Hear beautiful musical examples of the Violin, the Viola, the Cello, and the Bass. Featured will be the music of Antonio Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Antonin Dvorak's String Serenade. Afterward, you too, can draw a bow across the strings of these amazing instruments.

### **"BLAZING BRASS"**

Tuesday, May 7, 2019\* 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The Brass Family of the orchestra are often the loudest. Enjoy hearing Trumpets, and Trombones, the French Horn, and the Tuba. Hear how Ludwig van Beethoven uses Brass instruments in his Symphony No. 3 and his Piano Concerto No. 5. Afterwards, blow your own horn, and all the other brass instruments, too!

### **GARDEN STATE PHILHARMONIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 \* 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Experience what it is like to hear a full symphony orchestra comprised of students between the ages of 10-18. The Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will perform in a concert that showcases all the instrument of the orchestra. Your child can meet the young musicians afterwards and learn about how they began their musical journey with their instrument.

\*Cancellation Dates:

Beat that Drum	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
Wild and Wacky Woodwinds	March 20 <sup>th</sup>
String and Things	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Blazing Brass	May 15 <sup>th</sup>
Youth Orchestra	June 19 <sup>th</sup>

Registration is required and can be done via phone: 732-349-6200, or online calendar: <http://tinyurl.com/MeetTheMusicOCL>

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