

The Roundtable

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The 123rd, and His Tenth

Lucas Richman, Music Director for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra just signed a new 5-year contract with the orchestra.

That's good news. More good news is that he will lead the orchestra into its 124th year next season. The orchestra's manager, Brian Hinrichs, gave that news and told the breakfast gathering about concerts and events coming soon.

The BSO is the oldest continuing performing community orchestra in the nation, getting its start in 1896. Over the years, its size and virtuosity have grown, as anyone will attest who has attended recent concerts. Mr. Hinrichs described Maestro Richman's desire and plans to introduce the orchestra experience to a wider audience, especially to schoolchildren. He mentioned a youth chamber ensemble that plans to meet after schools close for the summer so they can play without juggling school schedules.



Mr. Hinrichs praised the performance space and offices for the symphony in the Bangor Arts Exchange on Exchange Street. The ballroom serves as a rehearsal venue for the Bangor Symphony Youth Orchestra and for various other musicians who perform there. The BSO's "Deep Dives" series will feature everything you want to know and hear about Leonard Bernstein's "Candide," which will be featured in Sunday afternoon's concert. The Deep Dive event is tomorrow at noon.

In addition to his Bangor-based work, Mr. Richman guest conducts, and recently led the National Symphony Orchestra, the Florida Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra. Some of the immediate performances include The Symphony's final two concerts for this season: Candide on April 7 and Viennese Masters on May 5.

Quoting from our Club's Facebook page, with thanks to **Kristy Kimball**, "The Bangor Symphony Orchestra is pleased to participate in "Leonard Bernstein at 100," a two-year global celebration of the life and career of the 20th century cultural giant, featuring more

than 2,500 events on six continents. BSO Music Director and Conductor Lucas Richman brings an important connection to our local celebration: Richman was chosen by Leonard Bernstein to tour with West Germany's Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival Orchestra and shared the maestro's podium for concerts presented in London and Moscow. Before that, he was a student of Bernstein's during the inaugural Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute in 1982."

Former president Kristy Kimball...

...led the performances for the morning. **Ken Kimball** pronounced the *All That Jazz* event last weekend a success, and he thanked Rotarians who attended and helped make the evening smooth running. Ellsworth and Brewer High School bands shared first place honors.

Lisa Wahlstrom praised the Bangor Symphony Youth Orchestra concert that she attended Sunday afternoon. She mentioned how impressed she was with the growth and skills of the orchestra. She heard the **Khavari** children plan in the ensemble.

Lisa and **Les Myers**, the Dynamic Double-Down Duo for the birthday song, helped lead the morning's attendees in saluting **Doug Townsend** for his significant milestone birthday. Kristy did not escape a birthday fine, and she, too, received a serenade.

Members of the Interact Leaders Club attended and updated their plans and adventures.

Mick Jagger is reportedly scheduled to undergo heart valve surgery this week. **David Zelz**, our Rolling Stones reporter, said the singer and songwriter, who is 75 years old, announced over the weekend that he would need to postpone the band's upcoming U.S. tour. David has tickets for one of those tour gigs. He will await news if it should happen.

Les Myers- April 4, 2019



It's all there. But where?



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