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The Warminster Symphony Orchestra Presents
An Evening with The Phantom and Friends
Sat., May 20, 2017, 8 p.m.
Starring Ciarán Sheehan

Warminster, Pa. — The Warminster Symphony Orchestra will close its 50th Golden Jubilee Season on May 20, 2017, with a concert entitled *An Evening with The Phantom and Friends*. The concert stars Ciarán Sheehan, who has played the role of *The Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway and in Toronto more than a thousand times. Special guests are Sarah Pfisterer, who performed the role of Christine on Broadway over one thousand times, and Gabriel Donohue, a multi-instrumentalist who has toured with the renowned Chieftans and other Irish music luminaries.

The program will include such timeless and beloved Broadway anthems as *Music of the Night*, *Time to Say Goodbye*, and *All I Ask of You*. Lovers of Irish favorites will be thrilled to hear *Danny Boy*, *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, and *Fields of Athenry*.

Born in Dublin, Sheehan came to New York to pursue a career in the theater. From his critically acclaimed performances in the title role of *The Phantom*, he went on to make a huge impact in Frank McCourt's PBS hit, *The Irish ... and How They Got That Way*. His powerful voice and stage presence have been heralded as nothing short of astonishing.

Sheehan's heartbreaking rendition of *Danny Boy* at the nationally televised funeral Mass of John F. Kennedy, Jr., and his wife, Carolyn, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York was profoundly moving. Recently, he was a soloist at the funeral of Beau Biden, son of Vice President Joe Biden.

Currently, Sheehan is performing throughout the country with Franc D'Ambrosio, Brent Barrett, and Marcus Lovett in *The Four Phantoms*,— a 90-minute celebration of the legendary work of the many composers and artists who have made Broadway an American art form.

“We are incredibly thrilled to present *An Evening with The Phantom and Friends* on our stage in Warminster,” said Joseph Lovecchio, music director and conductor of the 70-member orchestra.

“Bringing world-class musical performance to our community is the mission of The Warminster Symphony, and I believe this concert will entertain, enthrall, and perhaps tug at a few heartstrings.”

Tickets for *An Evening with The Phantom and Friends* are \$30 in advance; \$33 at the door; and \$8 for students. Advance tickets (cash or check only, please) can be purchased at John S. Cryan Jewelers, 673 Second St. Pike, Southampton, Pa. 215-357-8850; M & H Custom Framing & Gallery, 373 York Rd., Warminster, Pa. 215-443-0968; The Celtic Rose, Peddler’s Village, Lahaska, Pa. 215-794-5882; Richie’s, 323 W. County Line Rd., Hatboro 215-675-9935; and Richie’s Too, 410 Jacksonville Rd., Hatboro, Pa. 215-672-8161.

For more information, please call 215-672-9650 or visit www.warminstersymphony.org. Advance tickets can be purchased on the website.