

## The Warminster Symphony Orchestra Presents The U.S. Army Herald Trumpets Sat., Oct. 22

*Concert Ushers in the Orchestra's 50th Anniversary Season!*

**Warminster, Pa.** — The Warminster Symphony Orchestra opens its 50th Golden Jubilee season with a fitting musical tribute, as a national treasure, The U.S. Army Herald Trumpets, perform on Saturday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m., in the beautiful William Tennent Auditorium, 333 Centennial Road, Warminster 18974.

The U.S. Army Herald Trumpets is the official fanfare ensemble for the President of the United States. Founded in 1959 and patterned after traditional British “fanfare” trumpet ensembles, The U.S. Army Herald Trumpets was formed to add splendor to official military ceremonies. A performing element of The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” in Washington, D.C., the ensemble has performed for countless events of national and international significance.

Its first official performance the ensemble welcomed Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II to Chicago for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Through the years, it performed at such prestigious events as presidential inaugurations, the G8 Economic Summits, the arrival of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis at the White House, and with world-class orchestras around the country and the world.

“We are extremely excited to welcome The U.S. Army Trumpets to Warminster,” states Joseph Lovecchio, music director and conductor of the Warminster Symphony. “I can’t think of a better way to kick off our Jubilee Year than to showcase our great orchestra featuring one of the country’s premier ensembles.”

The Warminster Symphony Orchestra was founded 50 years ago, when a small group of musicians were assembled to play for the operetta “The Merry Widow.” The Warminster Symphony Orchestra was formed from this nucleus, initially rehearsing in a hangar at the Naval Air Development Center.

From these humble roots it continued to grow in scope and size, establishing a subscription series, featuring noted soloists, and supporting young musicians through the Youth Soloist Program, in which music students from the entire Philadelphia region audition to perform. As the popularity and reputation of the orchestra increased it became necessary to move its concerts from middle schools and churches to the spacious 1900-seat William Tennent Auditorium.

From what had originally been 16 members, the Orchestra now numbers 65 and includes professional musicians, as well as talented non-professional musicians. It has been under the baton of Maestro Joseph Lovecchio since 1994.

The 2016/2017 subscription concert series also offers the annual “Family Holiday Concert” Dec. 3; “At Your Request,” March 11; and the ever-popular Broadway star Ciaran Sheehan (*and Friends*) May 20.

The Annual Pops Gala fundraiser at Spring Mill Manor on January 28, entitled “An Evening with Frank, Dino and Jerry,” stars Sonny Averona, Jr. — back by popular request!

Advance Tickets can be purchased at a reduced rate (\$20) for the Oct. 22 concert at John S. Cryan Jewelers, Southampton, and M & H Custom Framing, Warminster. Prices at the door are \$22 for adults, \$8 students. Tickets are also available online at [www.warminstersymphony.org](http://www.warminstersymphony.org). Call 215-672-9650 for more information.