

MIDAMERICA PRODUCTIONS
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presents

SCHUBERT'S MASS IN G



Guest Conductor

ANIGHYA CROCKER

CONDUCTOR,
WILLOW OAK CHORALE (SPRINGFIELD, TN)

with the
NEW ENGLAND SYMPHONIC ENSEMBLE
and
WORLD-CLASS SOLOISTS

CARNEGIE HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021

Registration deadline: October 1, 2020



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PER-PERSON REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2020

Destination: CARNEGIE HALL!

June 2-6, 2021



We are thrilled to offer a *once in a lifetime* experience for singers! New York City's Carnegie Hall is considered to be the world's most famous concert hall where international artists from the classical, jazz and rock'n'roll genres have performed. You will have the opportunity to perform on the same stage where such notables as Count Basie, the Beatles, Luciano Pavarotti, the New York Philharmonic and many others have shared their music!

Not only is it an honor to perform at Carnegie Hall, but our concert will be precedent setting with Willow Oak's very own, Anighya Crocker, conducting the concert. Anighya will be making his Carnegie Hall debut just prior to his 21st birthday!

Anighya began Willow Oak's music mentoring program under the guidance of Roger Bunch while in 6th grade. He is now a senior at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music with a major in voice performance. He has won numerous vocal awards and has travelled to Italy to perform. He is also the Minister of Music at Ebenezer Baptist Church and Assistant Conductor of the Vanderbilt Chorale. We share with great pride that he has been invited to conduct at Carnegie Hall!



Anighya Crocker conducting the Willow Oak Chorale, December 2018.



Willow Oak's Chorale has performed at Carnegie Hall on two occasions, December 2013 and in May 2015. The 200-voice choir is made up of several community and high school choruses in the United States.



Carnegie Hall, December 1, 2013

The New England Symphonic Ensemble, under the direction of British conductor Jonathan Willcocks, accompanied the 200-voice chorus in John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* and selections from Handel's *Messiah*. Featured were soloists from the Metropolitan Opera, soprano Haeran Hong, and bass-baritone Kyle Albertson. John Rutter's *Requiem* was performed in May 2015 under the direction of the composer.



At our hotel prior to the December concert



Backstage at Carnegie Hall, May 2015

About Willow Oak Center for Arts & Learning

Willow Oak was founded in 2007 by Muzetta Swann Miller in Springfield, TN to offer quality classes and performing opportunities for children and adults in the arts and humanities.



- More than 1,000 children and adults participate in arts programs at our 726 South Main Street location each year. Ongoing classes include art, calligraphy, photography, creative writing, cooking, weaving, knitting, and summer camps in addition to our popular painting parties.



Music at Willow Oak

- The Willow Oak Chorale was formed in 2009 under the leadership of Roger Bunch who worked as a choral and band director in Robertson County schools for over 40 years. The Chorale, open to adults and high school students, performs two concerts a year with orchestra. The Chorale's concert is a highlight of the annual spring gala.



- The Willow Oak Children's Choir is under the direction of Stephanie Edwards who brings years of experience to this program. The Children's Choir performs with the chorale and orchestra as well as presenting their own spring concert. The children who are in grades 3-8 also perform at Art in the Park.



- The Willow Oak Chorale and Children's Choir presented a beautiful Christmas concert on December 7, 2019 at Springfield Middle School. The adult/high school chorale and children's choir performed with a 20-piece orchestra, an extraordinary opportunity for these singers!

- Private lessons in piano, voice and guitar are offered by Willow Oak's teachers.





- Willow Oak offers two free festivals to the community each year. Approximately 1,000 children and adults attended the Multicultural Arts Festival in May 2019. 400 8th grade students were bused to The Center to participate in African dance and create art at no cost to the students. This two-day festival is funded by the Tennessee Arts Commission and corporate and individual donors.

- Art in the Park, a fine and folk arts festival, took place in September with 3,500 children and adults attending. They enjoyed art activities, music, food and artist/artisan vendors at J. Travis Price Park. The event was free and open to the public.



- Willow Oak received a \$20,000 Community Vibrancy Grant from the 3M Foundation. These funds cover the start-up costs of our new weaving program, 10 art classes for the YMCA's YCAP afterschool program, choral and orchestra music, art supplies for the Multicultural Arts Festival, \$2,000 of scholarships for summer arts camps, and general operating costs.
- Since 2014, Willow Oak has grown an average of 55% each year, and your support has been instrumental in that growth.

Cost of the Carnegie Hall Trip

"Based on 4 travelers" to each room: **\$1,499** (hotel, Carnegie Hall, bus travel related to concert, Macy's coupon, after concert yacht cruise with dinner and dance, drink vouchers for cruise, photo of marquee).

Airfare: \$350 (more likely \$250)

Transportation from Airport to Hotel: **\$120**

Administrative Fee: \$25

Meals and Spending Money: \$500

Grand Total: \$2,494

"Based on 3 travelers" to each room: **\$1,830** (hotel, Carnegie Hall, bus travel related to concert, Macy's coupon, after concert yacht cruise with dinner and dance, drink vouchers for cruise, photo of marquee).

Airfare: \$350 (more likely \$250)

Transportation from Airport to Hotel: **\$120**

Administrative Fee: \$25

Meals and Spending Money: \$500

Grand Total: \$2,825

"Based on 2 travelers" to each room: **\$2,133** (hotel, Carnegie Hall, bus travel related to concert, Macy's coupon, after concert yacht cruise with dinner and dance, drink vouchers for cruise, photo of marquee).

Airfare: \$350 (more likely \$250)

Transportation from Airport to Hotel: **\$120**

Administrative Fee: \$25

Meals and Spending Money: \$500

Grand Total: \$3,128

"Based on 1 traveler" to each room: **\$2,674** (hotel, Carnegie Hall, bus travel related to concert, Macy's coupon, after concert yacht cruise with dinner and dance, drink vouchers for cruise, photo of marquee).

Airfare: \$350 (more likely \$250)

Transportation from Airport to Hotel: **\$120**

Administrative Fee: \$25

Meals and Spending Money: \$500

Grand Total: \$3,669

*Please keep in mind that this is an approximation. You may personally wish to bring more money to spend on things like cab fare, Metrocard, museums, restaurants, tours, shows, etc.

Basic Itinerary

June 2nd - Arrival in NYC and hotel check-in.

June 3rd - One chorus rehearsal with piano accompaniment in the morning or afternoon, with optional a cappella performance in the afternoon. The evening is free.

June 4th - One chorus rehearsal with piano accompaniment in the morning or afternoon. The evening is free.

June 5th - Final dress rehearsal in Carnegie Hall; concert; post-concert cruise around the Statue of Liberty and lower Manhattan with music, dancing, and dinner.

June 6th - Hotel check-out and departure

For more information, please contact Roger Bunch at Willow Oak. He'll be happy to answer your questions.

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