

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2011-2012 Season

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**Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra presents “New Beginnings”
With Music Director & Conductor Wesley Schulz
November 12 & 13: Saturday @ 7:30 p.m. & Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.
At Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA)**

The 2011-2012 Season embodies a series of new beginnings for the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra (BSO). Concluding a year-long comprehensive search for a new Music Director, the orchestra is both privileged and pleased to announce the appointment of Maestro Wesley Schulz. To commemorate this new partnership, Maestro Schulz and the orchestra present a concert of uplifting and high-energy musical works.

Johannes Brahms’s *Academic Festival Overture*, which will open the concert, is Brahms at his most mischievous. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Breslau and in gratitude for the degree, wrote this overture. In it he uses three college drinking songs as the primary melodic material — putting emphasis on the “festival” part of the title more than the “academic.” Also on the program is a suite from **Georges Bizet’s** opera *Carmen*, which offers one of the most seductive and alluring female roles in the operatic repertory. The last work on the program, *Capriccio bohémien* by **Sergei Rachmaninoff**, is a highly charged work in the gypsy spirit that nearly spins out of control with its boisterous brass fanfares and rushing lines in the strings.

Rounding out the evening is a beautiful new work, here transcribed for strings from the original band setting, by living composer **Eric Whitacre**. *October* celebrates the spirit of fall. Another work for strings, Jean Sibelius’s *Andante Festivo*, was the last work Sibelius ever conducted in public and will begin the second half of the program.

Please join the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra for this celebratory concert of “New Beginnings.”

Performances are November 12 and 13 at Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA), on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. A pre-concert chat precedes each performance – Saturday at 6:45 p.m. and Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Tickets, \$19 for adults, and \$16 for seniors, students, military, and teachers, may be purchased online at

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www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org, by phone at 206.842.8569 or in person at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. New to BSO ticketing this season, each youth will receive free admission when accompanied by a paying adult. BPA Box Office hours are 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and one hour prior to each performance.

Bainbridge Performing Arts extends special BSO Corporate Sponsor **Kitsap Bank**. The BSO's 2011 – 2012 Season is sponsored, in part, by the **Fletcher Bay Foundation**. BPA is supported, in part, by the **Arts & Humanities Council** and **One Call for All**.

Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on “Join Mailing List” to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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