

Joe Tanner Home for DSO Concert Symphony Closes 51st Season With Interplanetary Sonic Adventures

- DSO will present *An Evening of Adventures* on May 5, 2018 7:30 p.m. at Dick Van Dyke Auditorium featuring former NASA astronaut and Danville native Joe Tanner as narrator for Gustav Holst's adventurous composition *The Planets*. Cellist Mark Motycka and violist Clark Potter will be featured soloists for Richard Strauss' *Don Quixote*.
- Tickets are available on the DSO website (www.danvillesymphony.org) and at the Box Office (lobby) the evening of the performance. Reserved (floor or balcony) seating is still available.
- *Moments with the Maestro* with Maestro Jeremy Swerling and DSO guests will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the lobby.
- Two annual Children's Concerts will be presented free for over 2,000 local students on May 1, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. in Dick Van Dyke Auditorium at Danville High School.

DANVILLE, IL., April 5, 2018 — The DANVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present AN EVENING OF ADVENTURES featuring astronaut Joe Tanner as narrator on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Dick Van Dyke Auditorium of Danville High School. Tanner, a native of Danville, will provide dialogue for selections from Gustav Holst's adventurous masterwork THE PLANETS, along with projected NASA satellite imagery and media animation. The concert will open with a rousing adventure through the trials and tribulations of Richard Strauss' DON QUIXOTE featuring soloists Mark Motycka and Clark Potter covering cello and viola soloist roles for the epic tone poem. The Strauss will also feature a backdrop of over 50 visual selections, meticulously chosen by local art historian Mary Peter Zundo. The DSO's May performances have been generously underwritten by Fred Faulstich of Faulstich Printing Company, Fr. John J. Flattery, and by a grant from the Iroquois Federal Foundation.

"We'll provide a mesmerizing visual experience to go along with such a powerful piece of music" says Ryan Loeckel, Executive Director. "It's also a fantastic opportunity to welcome a local hero like Joe Tanner back for a visit with our hometown orchestra. The entire experience has been such a great collaboration with our community friends and colleagues, along with putting together an out-of-this-world experience for our 2018 annual Children's Concerts."

Over 2,000 public school children and residents from local retirement communities will be welcomed for the DSO's free annual Children's Concerts on May 1, 2018. Excerpts from the "The Planets" with Joe Tanner, patriotic favorites giving a lucky student volunteer the opportunity to conduct the orchestra, movie favorites from *Star Wars*, and a flashy movement from the Haydn "Cello Concerto in C" will all be part of the morning's festivities. Choir students from North Ridge Middle School, under the direction of Jennifer Woodrow, will join the DSO at both morning performances. Student audiences will be treated to all of the symphonic eccentricities of the over 60-player ensemble, including a particularly interesting collaboration between the orchestra and some local craftsman to create a wind machine. The *aeoliphone* is a Percussion Family instrument from the orchestra that will produce sounds of mighty winds during particularly tumultuous moments throughout "Don Quixote". Since not one of the machines could be found locally, craftsmen from both Danville Light Opera and Danville High School Industrial Arts were able to build a machine for both the Children's Concerts and the DSO Subscription performance. The 9:30 a.m. concert is at capacity, but seats at the 11:15 a.m. performance are available for schools and retirement communities able to attend in pre-reserved groups for free; speak to Andrea Tarquini-Rossi (DSO Operations Coordinator) for information or to make a reservation.

The DSO will announce their exciting 2018-2019 Season at the May 5th performance, and concert patrons will have the opportunity to renew or purchase new season subscriptions at a discounted rate that evening.

Other event information can be found on the DSO's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DSOdanville), as well as ticket discounts, giveaways and special offers April 30th through May 4th via DSO social media. To purchase event tickets visit www.danvillesymphony.org or call the Box Office at (217) 443-5300.

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For additional information or to schedule interviews/appearances with Ryan Loeckel (Media Contact) or guest artists:

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