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## **A Concert by ESYO's Repertory Orchestra That Will Melt in Your Mouth!**

### **A marriage of the senses – hearing music and tasting chocolate!**

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Empire State Youth Orchestras will present a concert by its Repertory Orchestra on Thursday, February 11, 2016, that will feature Maxime Goulet's Symphonic Chocolates. Directed by David Beck, the orchestra will play the symphony in four movements; each movement evokes a particular flavor of chocolate: mint, caramel, coffee, and dark chocolate. Composer Goulet is known for using music to bring together different sensual experiences. Symphonic Chocolates epitomizes that as the audience eats different pieces of chocolate while the orchestra is playing. Each piece of chocolate correspond to the different movements of the symphony .

To complete the program, Conductor Beck has also chosen selections from the Carmen Suites by Bizet, including the well-known Toréador, Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni, and Gershwin's An American in Paris.

The concert is on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 7:30 pm at C.A. Bouton High School, 432 New Salem Rd Voorheesville, NY 12186. Tickets - and chocolates – are available at the door. Adults: \$10 / Seniors and students: \$5. For more information, please visit [esy.org](http://esy.org).

**About Empire State Youth Orchestras:** Winner of three prestigious national awards from ASCAP, ESYO is an umbrella organization comprised of two full symphonic orchestras, a wind orchestra, a string ensemble, three percussion ensembles, two jazz ensembles, and CHIME, an inner-city music training program. Started in 1979 with a single orchestra of 81 young musicians, ESYO now counts almost 400 students from eastern New York and western New England in its membership. A not-for-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors, ESYO provides high-quality music education and performance opportunities to young musicians and helps them develop leadership qualities while also teaching them the importance of making a positive contribution to society. ESYO is well known for its Youth Orchestra's participation in CBS 6's *Melodies of Christmas* (benefit concerts that support the pediatric oncology program at Albany Medical Center). ESYO ensembles give approximately 30 public performances a year, including a free concert for seniors and concerts for school children. ESYO was recently named Tech Valley Nonprofit Business Council's Nonprofit Organization of the Year (for organizations of fewer than 75 employees) in recognition of ESYO's positive contributions to the vitality of the region. For more information about ESYO, please call the ESYO office at [\(518\) 382-7581](tel:5183827581) or visit [www.esyo.org](http://www.esyo.org).

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