

# ENTERTAINMENT

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## St. Philip's New Hope kicks off spring concert series

Folk musician David Brahinsky and Friends will perform a concert from "The Stan Rogers Songbook," at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

Brahinsky is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who has been playing music from the folk tradition, from the Child Ballads to Bob Dylan for more than 30 years. One of the founders of the Roosevelt Arts Project, he has been the lead singer for "The Roosevelt String Band" for the last 25 years.

David Brahinsky and Friends features Brahinsky on vocals and

guitar, Guy DeRosa on harmonica, Noemi Bolton on vocals, guitar and banjo/ukulele, Phil Mcauliffe on bass and Doug Healy on mandolin, banjo and guitar.

A Canadian who died prematurely in 1983 at age 37, Rogers' songs tend to focus on the lives of working people; sailors, farmers, miners, men and women connected to fishing and computer programmers. He also composed love songs and songs expressing compassion, sadness and anger at the injustice that human beings can do to one another.

His most famous song, "The

Mary Ellen Carter," is one of the most important songs for those who tend to be worried or depressed by the current worldwide social, economic and political climate; it is known to have saved at least one person's life.

The concert series continues May 12 with folk music group Simple Gifts and guitarist Peter Griggs on May 19.

The concert is open to all with a free-will donation at the door for the musicians and the outreach of St. Philip's Church.

Visit [stphilipshope.org](http://stphilipshope.org) or call 215-862-5782.



David Brahinsky and Friends open the concert season at St. Philip's New Hope April 28.

## Bucks County Symphony Orchestra welcomes spring

The Bucks County Symphony Orchestra performs its annual Spring Concert at Central Bucks High School South in Warrington at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Music Director Gary S. Fagin and Assistant Conductor Sebastian Grand will lead the orchestra in dynamic works from three centuries.

The featured soloist for the BCSO's final concert of the 2018-2019 season is Brazilian pianist Ronaldo Rolim, who joins the orchestra in a performance of Franz Liszt's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in E flat Major." Composed over a 25-year period, the work premiered in 1855 in Germany, with Liszt himself at the piano and Hector Berlioz as conductor.

Rolim is considered a prominent

figure among the newest generation of outstanding musicians. He has performed extensively over four continents. He is a winner of Astral Artist's 2017 National Auditions and has captured top prizes at numerous international competitions.

He has studied at the Magda Tagliaferro School in São Paulo, Oakland University (Michigan), the Peabody Conservatory, and the Yale School of Music. He recently concluded his doctoral thesis at Yale University.

The BCSO begins the concert with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Overture to Così fan tutte" and concludes with a performance of Igor Stravinsky's ballet score, "Pétrouchka." The BCSO plays Stravinsky's



RONALDO ROLIM

1947 revision, which is scored for a slightly smaller orchestra than the original.

Tickets, at \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$15 for seniors, can be purchased in Doylestown at Rutherford's Camera Shop and the

Doylestown Bookshop, or at Bucks CountySymphony.org. Students are admitted free. Call 215-348-7321 or visit the website for information.

## Pianist Sara Daneshpour in Pipersville

Internationally known pianist Sara Daneshpour will be the featured performer May 2, at the Delaware Valley Music Club's concert, at 2 p.m. at High View Farm Studio in Pipersville.

The Music Club performances, held six times a year at various locations in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, feature distinguished soloists and ensembles, and are open to club members, their guests, and the general public.

The winner of numerous international awards, Daneshpour was third-prize winner of the 2017 Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition, and won first prize and gold medal at the 2007 International Russian Music Competition. She has performed



Sara Daneshpour is a prizewinning Astral Artists pianist.

in famous concert halls around the world.

Daneshpour is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and earned a master's degree from the Juilliard School. Her studies have continued since 2015 at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Daneshpour will perform a Haydn piano sonata, as well as music by Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Johann Sebastian Bach. A post-concert reception includes an opportunity to meet the performer.

Tickets are available at the door; there is no charge for members; guests and the general public are welcome to attend for a \$10 fee. For directions, call 610-294-9361.

Those interested in joining the Club may visit [delvalmusicclub.org](http://delvalmusicclub.org).

## Newtown Orchestra presents "Peter and the Wolf"

The historic Newtown Theatre will host the Newtown Chamber Orchestra's annual performance of "Peter and the Wolf" at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

The narrated, family-friendly concert includes audience participation, a musical "petting zoo," which gives children the chance to touch various musical instruments, and a take-home booklet of fun educational materials.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under when purchased online at [TheNewtownTheatre.com/events](http://TheNewtownTheatre.com/events).

Tickets purchased at the door on the day of the performance are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

The Newtown Theatre is located at 120 N. State St. in Newtown Borough. Visit [TheNewtownTheatre.com](http://TheNewtownTheatre.com).

### Bucks County Symphony Orchestra

Gary S. Fagin, Music Director

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