



OQUIRRH MOUNTAIN SYMPHONY

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LOCAL SYMPHONY TO FURTHER CULTURAL PERFORMANCES TO UTAH COMMUNITIES

Community atmosphere mingles with regional music talent to meet Utah music-lover's dream: a full-blown symphony in a smaller city – without financially burdening the already stretched municipal budgets.

The Oquirrh Mountain Symphony (OMS), originally established as the Riverton Metropolitan Orchestra in 1999, is holding a private screening and dinner to unveil their official name change and campaign to become Utah's premier regional symphony. The unveiling will take place on Friday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Director's Suite of the Larry H. Miller Megaplex Theatres (The District) in South Jordan.

Tickets for the private screening are available by calling LeAnn Hord at (480) 334-9296. Cost is \$35 for individual admittance, or \$260 for a table of eight. Admission includes dinner, private screening, and two complimentary tickets to the Spotlight Spectacular Encore Concert following the screening. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and is at Elk Ridge Middle School located at 3659 West 9800 South, South Jordan.

The OMS vision is to bring vitality to the creative life of local communities and to be an essential contributor to civic activities by becoming the premier regional performing arts organization of both classical and popular styles of music. By sharing fine arts resources, the orchestra aims to promote educational outreach and performance opportunities, provide local musicians with an opportunity to explore and perform great musical repertoire, and to form subsidiary ensembles such as the Oquirrh Mountain Youth Symphony.

As a touring symphony in Utah, the OMS will not only continue serving Riverton City, but will immediately begin offering performances to South Jordan City (including Daybreak), Herriman, Bluffdale, Draper, Lehi (including Traverse Mountain), Highland, Alpine, Cedar Hills, Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs, Copperton and Tooele. Plans to expand the musical outreach of the symphony to other outlying rural communities are on the horizon.

With more families relocating to the southeast and southwest corridors of the Salt Lake Valley, and with increasingly busy family schedules, the OMS will provide a close, affordable cultural opportunity that would otherwise be unfeasible. The OMS is dedicated to serving local artists, audiences, musicians, students, and families to bring gifts of great music and wholesome entertainment for aesthetic and social experiences that bond communities.

The OMS regularly thrills audiences each year in a wide range of formal and informal concerts which include an annual concerto competition, season and patriotic concerts, and a number of civic performances free to the public.

Maestro Benjamin K. Winkler of Payson, Utah has been directing the symphony since 2004. The symphony is an ensemble of musical excellence and versatility and is made up of 60 volunteer musicians as well as a community-comprised staff. These talented musicians are united by their love of great music. They consistently perform at a professional level and many of the members also perform as soloists or with other area ensembles throughout the Salt Lake valley. Their expertise allows the orchestra to perform challenging repertoire in many distinctive variations and artistic moods.

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