



## **Brattleboro Museum & Art Center**

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### **Tickets Available Now for "Music & Fireworks Under the Stars"**

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual July 3rd Vermont Symphony Orchestra Concert at Grafton Ponds**

*Brattleboro, Vt.*—Tickets are available now for the July 3rd Vermont Symphony Orchestra open-air concert and fireworks at Grafton Ponds in Grafton, Vt. One of southern Vermont's most popular, family-friendly events, the concert is part of the VSO's 2009 TDBanknorth Summer Festival Tour and is underwritten by The Windham Foundation. Post-concert fireworks are sponsored by Foard Panel. Net proceeds of the event support the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center. Grounds open at 2 p.m. for parking and picnicking. The concert gets underway at 7:30, with fireworks following immediately after. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6 to 14, and free for children 5 and under.

From now until June 26, tickets will be available at [www.brattleborotix.com](http://www.brattleborotix.com) or by calling 802-257-0124, ext. 0. The following walk-in outlets will carry tickets until the day of the event: Baker's Office Products, Baker's Hallmark, and Vermont Artisan Designs in Brattleboro, Vt.; Putney Books in Putney, Vt.; Newfane (Vt.) Country Store; Sweeties' Market and Deli in Marlboro, Vt.; Greater Falls Travel and Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt.; Real to Reel Video in Walpole, N.H.; Misty Valley Books in Chester, Vt.; The Old Tavern and Grafton Grocery Market in Grafton, Vt.; and

Toadstool Bookshop in Keene, N.H. Subject to availability, tickets may be purchased at the gate after 2 p.m. on July 3 (cash or check only).

The theme of this year's concert is "The Lake Effect," a nod to the quadricentennial celebration of the discovery by Samuel de Champlain of Vermont's bordering-on-great lake, which bears his name. The VSO pays tribute to our Frenchman in America with Gershwin's *An American in Paris* and a program both Gallic and aquatic: an overture by Berlioz, a medley from *Les Misérables*, Sousa's *Hands Across the Sea March*, Handel's *Water Music*, and show tunes from *South Pacific*. Fireworks accompany the *1812 Overture* for a dramatic "bon soir."

Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. Pre-concert picnicking, ranging from simple to elaborate, is encouraged. Please leave pets at home. In the event that the concert must be moved indoors due to inclement weather, it will be held in the Bellows Falls Union High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Announcements will be made by 2 p.m. on Brattleboro-area radio stations WKVT 92.7FM, WVPR 94.5FM, and WTSA 96.7FM and at [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

Major support for the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center's 2009–2010 season is provided by Entergy Vermont Yankee, Foard Panel, the Brattleboro Reformer, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Sam's Outdoor Outfitters, and Chittenden Bank. Founded in 1972, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center presents art and ideas in ways that inspire, educate, and engage people of all ages. Each season features compelling new exhibits of contemporary artwork by regional and internationally acclaimed artists, complemented by lectures, artist talks, film screenings, and other public programs. For more information about the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center call 802-257-0124 or visit [www.brattleboromuseum.org](http://www.brattleboromuseum.org).

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