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Vermont Symphony Orchestra presents "The Birds and the Bees" 20th annual concert and fireworks display at Grafton Ponds

Brattleboro, Vt.—One of southern Vermont's most popular, family-friendly events, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's annual outdoor concert and fireworks display at Grafton Ponds, takes place this Saturday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m. for parking and picnicking. Underwritten by the Windham Foundation with fireworks sponsored by Foard Panel, the event is a fundraiser for the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center and several Grafton-based organizations.

Tickets may be purchased at Baker's Office Products, Baker's Hallmark, and Vermont Artisan Designs in Brattleboro, 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.; or by calling the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center at 802-257-0124. On the day of the concert, tickets may be purchased at the gate after 4 p.m. (cash or check only). Admission is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6 to 14, and free for children 5 and under.

The theme of this year's concert is "The Birds and the Bees," featuring music from aviary and apiary — strictly G-rated. From Jurassic Park's pterodactyls to Tchaikovsky's

swans, the orchestra soars in a salute to wingers and stingers. Rimsky-Korsakov's glorious Easter egg tale is paired with an unlikely bumblebee: the VSO's principal tubist! As always, the concert will conclude with the great cannons of the "1812 Overture," accompanied by a fireworks display guaranteed to dazzle concertgoers of all ages.

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 3 p.m. on Brattleboro-area radio stations WKVT 92.7FM, WVPR 94.5FM, and WTSA 96.7FM, on the Museum voicemail line at 802-257-0124, and at www.brattleboromuseum.org.

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