



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **Odeon Ensembles to Perform**

*Free concert on May 12*

Bay Chamber Concerts will present a free concert featuring the Odeon Junior Ensemble, Odeon Youth Orchestra and the Odeon Adult Orchestra in concert on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the John Street United Methodist Church in Camden. Everyone is invited, and no tickets are necessary to attend the concert.

Works to be performed on Tuesday's program range from classical to modern. The Odeon Junior Ensemble will perform "School-Time Suite" by Loretta Lazaris among others, and the Youth Orchestra will perform "Danse Macabre" by Camille Saint-Saens as well as works by Purcell and Bach. The Odeon Adult Orchestra performance features "Haydn's Quartet no. 26 in G minor," arranged for string orchestra. They will close the program with a lighthearted jazz melody titled "A Walk In The Park" by Sue Roberts.

Featured soloist for this concert is Jennifer Karod, a freshman at Camden Hills Regional High School, performing Georg Philipp Telemann's "Concerto in G Major." Jennifer began her musical training at the age of six on violin and currently studies with Julia Adams of the Portland String Quartet. Jenny will participate in Bay Chamber Concerts' Next Generation Chamber Music Program this coming summer.

Georg Philipp Telemann (March 14, 1681 – June 25, 1767) was a German Baroque Music composer, born in Magdeburg. Self-taught in music, he studied law at the University of Leipzig. Often described as the most prolific composer in history (at least in terms of surviving works), he was a contemporary of Johann Sebastian Bach, Antonio Vivaldi and a lifelong friend of George Frideric Handel. While in the present day Bach is generally thought of as the greater composer, Telemann was more widely renowned for his musical abilities during his lifetime.

Marshunda Smith, the conductor of the ensembles performing for this concert, earned her masters degree in instrumental conducting from the University of Southern Maine and has conducted youth orchestras in her home state of Tennessee. Smith has been enthusiastically received here by the orchestras and their audiences.

The Odeon Strings Program draws its membership from the broader Midcoast area. Student musicians range in age from 9 to 18 years, and come from public, private and home-schooled settings. Odeon offers ensemble opportunities for all ages and abilities.

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Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: John Street United Methodist Church, 98 John Street, Camden, ME 04843

Title: Odeon Spring Concert

Performers: Odeon Junior Ensemble, Odeon Youth Orchestra and Odeon Adult Orchestra

Description: Come and listen to the talents of the various Odeon String Ensembles. All ages participate in works of Haydn, Purcell, Saint-Saens and others, led by conductor Marshunda Smith

Price: Free, no tickets necessary.

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