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**BJSO CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT**

***Vivaldi's Four Seasons and Jazz: a Perfect Summer Evening!***

**WHAT:** As part of Music at the Marv, Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. Rob Tomaro, presents Vivaldi's Four Seasons, followed by the Stateline Jazz Band. Music at the Marv is presented by the Mercyhealth and is brought to you by Downtown Janesville, Inc and the City of Janesville-Recreation Division.

*The Four Seasons*, by Antonio Vivaldi, is a group of four violin concerti, each of which gives musical expression to a season of the year. They were written around 1716.

*The Four Seasons* is the best known of Vivaldi's works. They were a revolution in musical conception: in them Vivaldi represented flowing creeks, singing birds, a shepherd and his barking dog, buzzing flies, storms, drunken dancers, hunting parties from both the hunters' and the prey's point of view, frozen landscapes, and warm winter fires. Unusual for the period, Vivaldi published the concerti with accompanying sonnets (possibly written by the composer himself) that illuminated what it was in the spirit of each season that his music was intended to evoke. The sonnets can be found at: [beloitjanesvillesymphony.org](http://beloitjanesvillesymphony.org)

Each season has its own soloist:

Spring – Roxanne Buchholz; BJSO Associate Concertmaster

Summer – Emily Sobacki: BJSO Principal Violin II

Autumn – Angela Licari; BJSO Assistant Concertmaster

Winter – Joe Ketchum: BJSO Concertmaster

Following *The Four Seasons*, the Stateline Jazz Orchestra, directed by Joel Baer, will delight you with numbers from the Buddy Rich, Stan Kenton, and Woody Herman libraries.

Due to Covid protocols, programs will not be distributed at the concert, but will be available for viewing at: [www.beloitjanesvillesymphony.org](http://www.beloitjanesvillesymphony.org)

**WHEN & WHERE:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020, from 6:00 – 7:30pm, at the Marvin Roth Pavilion in Janesville. The concert is free, but you must reserve a pod in advance. Pods will be available to reserve beginning at noon on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> with the link going live at that time on the Downtown Janesville, Inc and Janesville Parks and Recreation Facebook pages, the City of Janesville-Recreation Division website, as well

as can be called in at the City of Janesville at (608) 755-3030. Please know pods are limited and fill quickly. Masks are required; for more information about protocols, go to <https://www.ci.janesville.wi.us/recreation>.

**ABOUT BJSO:** The Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1953. The BJSO performs a series of classical and pops concert throughout the year. Beginning as a volunteer community orchestra in 1953 at Beloit College, it has grown into a respected regional orchestra in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

In this time of Covid restrictions, BJSO has presented many programs through its Facebook page and its YouTube channel.

The mission of the BJSO is to serve as a major cultural and educational resource to southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois by providing a rich variety of symphonic music and related cultural activities to the citizens, schools and other institutions in the area. Maestro Tomaro is also active in our school systems, bringing his original educational program *Conducting Kids* to our area middle schools.

Founded by Lewis Dalvit in 1953, the BJSO baton was passed on to Dr. Crawford Gates in 1963 and, in 1999, to Dr. Robert Tomaro.

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