

A Leroy Anderson Celebration

Northeast Connecticut Community Orchestra

Linda Tracy, Conductor

Clark Chapel at Pomfret School

Pomfret, Connecticut

Friday, May 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Program

An Old-Fashioned Song

Luke Vercelli, violin, Kate Vercelli, cello
Anders Vercelli, piano

Wedding March for Jane and Peter

Dennis Patton, organ

Belle of the Ball - orchestra *

Blue Tango - orchestra *

The Syncopated Clock — orchestra *

The Music in My Heart

Music & lyrics by Leroy Anderson
Lars Vercelli, baritone
Dennis Patton, piano

Jazz Legato - orchestra *

Jazz Pizzicato - orchestra *

Two Songs from *Goldilocks* (1958)

I Never Know When To Say When

Laura Vercelli, soprano - orchestra

Save A Kiss

Lars Vercelli, baritone

Laura Vercelli, soprano - orchestra

The Waltzing Cat - orchestra *

Plink, Plank, Plunk! - orchestra *

Forgotten Dreams - orchestra *

Lyrics by Mitchell Parish

Lars Vercelli, baritone

The Typewriter - orchestra

Kevin Tracey, typewriter

Tyler Ironside, violin

Dennis Patton, piano

Bugler's Holiday - orchestra

Arr. Jack Bullock

Corinne Zanetti, trumpet

Peter Olson, trumpet

Kim Bonsanti, trumpet

Sleigh Ride - orchestra

* Arr. William Zinn for string orchestra

Announcers

Kurt Anderson, Rolf Anderson, Lydia Vercelli



Notes on the Concert

The Northeast Connecticut Community Orchestra (NCCO) is a non-audition based musical group open to anyone who plays violin, viola, cello or string bass. We are a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization funded by grants and contributions from our members and supporters.

We perform concerts in May and November each year, usually at the historic Clark Memorial Chapel on the beautiful campus of Pomfret School, Route 169/44, Pomfret. Admission is free. Donations are accepted at the door and may be mailed to: NCCO, Saul Ahola, 88 Butts Rd., Woodstock, Conn.

The orchestra was founded in January 2012 by violin virtuoso Yaroslav "Yarek" Tereshchenko, along with his students James Bump and Jane Vercelli who had been playing viola duets for years with the hope that someday they could form a string orchestra.

"Thank you to everyone who came to see our special concert featuring the music of Leroy Anderson. Your applause and cheers were so appreciated! As musicians, it makes our heart glad to make you happy with our music. Thank you Jane Anderson Vercelli for inspiring us. We were thrilled to play your father's music alongside your wonderfully talented family."

Karen Robert
Putnam, Conn.

"Wonderful concert. A remarkable mixture of vocals by talented family members Lars and Laura Vercelli with a heart clenching performance by Luke and Kate Vercelli, the great grandchildren of Anderson! Narration and insights by Anderson's children — Jane, Rolf and Kurt Anderson, and Lydia Vercelli, plus the talent and joy of the orchestra. Fantastic! What an achievement!"

Nancy Weiss
Woodstock, Conn.

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Luke Vercelli, violin; Kate Vercelli, cello, Anders Vercelli, piano

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"It was beautiful, every part of it. If I died tomorrow, that concert would be the best thing I ever heard live. Kate & Luke Vercelli were perfection and Anders Vercelli was wonderful to guide them. Lars & Laura Vercelli were perfect! I LOVED hearing them sing together and separately.

Every ounce of it was just like a clear bell ringing in a whole tone. Loved it all! What a great tribute to Leroy Anderson!"

Pam Ross
Thompson, Conn.

"My heart is bursting with awe and admiration for the extraordinary concert you delivered—a radiant tribute to Leroy Anderson, one of America's most brilliant and cherished composers.

The performance was nothing short of breathtaking, a soul-stirring celebration of his legacy that left me utterly spellbound. You and everyone involved poured your hearts into something truly unforgettable, and I'm so incredibly proud of you all."

Jadranka Perl
Woodstock, Conn.

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"Thank you for a truly enjoyable concert! Every moment from Luke and Kate to "Sleigh Ride" was fun. I loved the trumpet music so much because trumpet is my favorite of the brass and the three players were excellent as was the whole orchestra. Hearing Lars and his wife Laura was very special as was Anders' performance. Bravo to you all"

Sandy and George Groom
Pomfret, Conn.

"The NCCO concert in honor of your father's body of work was a real triumph. Bruce and I loved every moment, musical and otherwise, as did the Sunday audience in its wild enthusiasm. As matriarch of your beautiful musical clan, you must feel proud. Know that we appreciate all of your effort. As you are aware, we knew Anders and Lars as teenagers, Witnessing their adult selves was a particular joy. Thanks for continuing to bring light and love to the neighborhood. You sustain us in these dark and divided times."

Sam Lyman
Woodstock, Conn.

Lars & Laura Vercelli, Jane Anderson Vercelli, Luke & Lily Vercelli
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Anders Vercelli, piano Kate Vercelli, cello,
Jane Anderson Vercelli, announcer / viola (orchestra) & Luke Vercelli, violin
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"We so enjoyed the concert on Friday night. The music of Leroy Anderson was so infused in the childhoods of those of us who grew up in the 1950's – 1970's. The repertoire in the concert made me appreciate his humor and his ability to capture the American ethos through music.

Well done everyone! "

Donna and Michael Dufresne
Pomfret, Conn.

"Just wanted to say what a fabulous show at Clark Chapel, what a lovely tribute and what a beautiful family.

You must be extra proud, as performer, as NCCO President, as daughter and as matriarch of the Anderson Vercelli clan. We had a delightful afternoon."

Ann Scott
Thompson, Conn.