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Wonderful!*



*A*nother splendid holiday music concert was performed by the wonderful Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra December 2nd in the Newark High School auditorium delighting concert-goers at the beginning of this holiday season.



The concert was made possible, once again, through the collaboration of the Newark School District and the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce, that teamed up to bring the RPO to Newark for the seventeenth consecutive year, which both Cynthia Briggs, NCSD Music Department Leader and Kelley School instrumental music teacher and guest conductor Paul Shewan gratefully acknowledged.

Both Briggs and Shewan also thanked all the many sponsors who help to make the annual concert possible and at an affordable price.

“The concert was amazing and each year it is an amazing opportunity for our community to be able to attend a RPO holiday concert at such an affordable price,” Briggs said Monday. “We are very grateful to Wegmans, Lyons National Bank, Walmart and other donors in our community who annually support of this event.”





Shewan, a member of the RPO trumpet section since 1998 and frequent guest conductor with the RPO, <https://www.roberts.edu/facultystaff/paul-shewan.aspx> \_ who has conducted RPO holiday concerts four times previously in Newark \_ did another outstanding job again this year.



Equally memorable were baritone soloist John Brandon's four magnificent solo performances: "*Thus Saith The Lord and But Who May Abide*" from George Frederic Handel's "*Messiah*," Iving Berlin's "*White Christmas*" arranged by John Moss; Alan Silvestri's "*Believe*" from "*Polar Express*" arranged by Tony Bisbano who attended the concert; and Ralph Vaughn Williams' "*Fantasia on Greensleeves*" adapted by Ralph Greeves.



Before the concert, the Newark Music Boosters sponsored a well-attended pasta dinner in the cafeteria and the NHS Jazz Band performed pre-concert music in the gymnasium.

Briggs gratefully acknowledged the work of all the various numerous volunteers who helped out in so many different ways to make sure the event was not only a success, but extra special for all those attending.

“Thanks to ALL who helped with organization, hung a poster, worked the Pasta Dinner, the NHS Jazz Band and anyone else who offered any kind of support,” she said. “This is definitely a group effort and I personally really appreciate all the hands that helped put this together!”

Briggs also urged everyone to mark their calendars now because next year’s RPO concert will be held Dec. 1, 2017 in the NHS auditorium.