

Manchester Music Festival
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MMF celebrates Manchester's 250th with an "all-American" concert August 11

Manchester Music Festival's August 11th concert is a tribute to the town's 250th anniversary.

"We're pulling out all the stops for this concert," said Artistic Director Ariel Rudiakov. "This is an orchestral concert, with a full stage of musicians. We'll feature two of America's most revered composers, George Gershwin and Aaron Copland. Also on the program is Antonin Dvorak's beloved Symphony #9, 'From the New World,' written during the composer's visit to the U.S. in 1893."

Pianist Christopher O'Riley, the host of NPR's popular classical music program 'From the Top' is the featured artist. Mr. O'Riley has recorded works by Rachmaninoff, Rameau, Stravinsky and others. He is also noted for his interpretations of non-traditional composers, such as Radiohead and Elliott Smith. O'Riley will play Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Outdoor seating for the concert

MMF's Thursday night concerts begin at 7:30, in the Arkell Pavilion at the Southern Vermont Arts Center. "Our orchestral concerts often sell out," said Mr. Rudiakov, "so we've made arrangements with SVAC to make lawn seating available for an overflow audience."

Outdoor tickets are \$15 for adults and no charge for children age 12 and younger. The tickets can be purchased at SVAC starting at 5:30 on the day of the concert. "This will be a great opportunity for parents in our community to introduce their children to the amazing sound of a symphony orchestra," Mr. Rudiakov added.

Reserved seats inside Arkell Pavilion are \$45 and may be purchased in advance. Further information is available at www.mmfvt.org and at 802-362-1956.