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HUNTERDON TRICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND
COUNTY DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

present

HUNTERDON SYMPHONY

Lawrence Kursar, Conductor

CELEBRATING HUNTERDON

Music from Three Centuries

Thursday, June 26, 2014

Deer Path Park

Premiere of *A Hunterdon Ode*

A specially commissioned work by Raymond Wojcik

A resident of Califon, Raymond Wojcik is a composer, conductor and educator. He has written works for orchestra, chamber ensembles, dance companies, and film. His activities as a composer have included a three year position as composer-in-residence at the Cape May Music Festival. His music has been recorded by the Moravian Philharmonic (Czech Republic) and Rzesnow Philharmonic (Poland) and recently performed by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and the South Orange Symphony.

Subtitled "Balloon Flight," the music describes a hot air balloon ride over the County's many historic features and farmlands, with a theme inspired by the vistas from atop some of the highest points in the county. The work begins with fast, exciting music that depicts the balloons and a feeling of celebration, followed by a fanfare announcing the Anniversary. The music slows to a trumpet solo depicting graveyards of centuries of war veterans, followed by the "Hunterdon Theme," played by the solo horn.

A section of busy music then suggests the labor intensive work of farming. The Hunterdon Theme is heard again, followed by the melody of the solo trumpet transformed into the rich, golden light of late afternoon.

A return to the fast, exciting music of the opening leads to a triumphant conclusion.

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The American Frontier Custer
Colonial Fife and Drum Music Traditional
Led by students from Woodglen School, Lebanon Township Schools., NJ

American Civil War Fantasy Bilik
Hunterdon Fiddlers Traditional
"O Mio Babbino Caro" from *Gianni Schicchi* Puccini
Alejandra Garrido, Soprano

This and several other selections in the program represent music that would have been heard in the 19th and 20th centuries in the Clinton Music Hall, Flemington Opera House, Lambertville Opera House, and Rialto Opera House (High Bridge)

Finale to the *New World Symphony* Dvorak
Dvorak wrote this work during and after a visit to the USA

Intermission

A Hunterdon Ode Wojcik
Premier performance of a commissioned work for the 300th anniversary of Hunterdon County

American Fantasy Herbert
A turn of the century composer famous for large popular concerts

"The sun whose rays are all ablaze" Gilbert and Sullivan
from *The Mikado*
Alejandra Garrido, Soprano

Music Hall Medley arr. Lawson
Vaudeville Music including "Put on Your Tat-ta Little Girlie," "Daisy Bell" and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary"

Guys and Dolls Loesser
Broadway show performed at Lambertville Circus

Star and Stripes Sousa

HUNTERDON MUSICAL ARTS is a non-profit organization that sponsors the **Hunterdon Symphony**, the **Hunterdon Choral Union**, and the **Music for Youth** program. These music groups were founded in order to provide Hunterdon-area residents an opportunity to indulge their love of music, either as performers or audience members. For more information: www.HunterdonMusicalArts.org