

Really Terrible String Orchestra (RTSO) Information Sheet

Who: The RTO is expanding by adding the RTSO.

What: The RTSO is a strings-only version of the RTO with some percussion, as needed. The philosophy of the RTO will extend into the RTSO. No pressure; be flexible; enjoy music; learn something new!

Where: We rehearse at St. John's UCC Church, 8065 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045

When: We rehearse twice a month from 3:00 to 4:30, subject to change.

Why: Why not? This is just another opportunity for string players to play with an ensemble. And traveling at night is becoming difficult for some people.

How: I brought the idea up to the RTO Board and they agreed that it was a good idea! Thank you to Barry Webb who checked with the church where he holds his worship services and they gave their approval to use their space for our rehearsals. While looking for music for RTO, there seemed to be a lot of music available for string orchestra.

RTSO is open to any string player whether you're a beginner or an advanced musician. If you are under 18, you will need to be accompanied by an adult. As in RTO, there is no pressure to come to EVERY rehearsal or every concert. If you come, you play; if you don't come, you don't get to play! I've compiled music that is on the "medium easy" side.

If you have any questions, please contact me at
484-714-8527 or creisenbise@gmail.com.

THANKS!
Carol Kelly

We are now an affiliate of the RTO-PA, a 501c3 organization, which means that any monetary donations would be gratefully accepted and deductible if you itemize on your personal tax return. We would use these funds to purchase music and instruments, as well as rent public spaces for concerts that are open to the entire community. Donations may be sent to: RTSO-PA, 515 W. St. Elmo St., Nazareth, PA 18064.



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The Really Terrible String Orchestra - PA

Welcomes the Holidays
WITH OUR
We Wish You a
Merry Christmas
And a Blessed New Year

CONCERT



Saint John's United Church of Christ
Sunday, December 15, 2024
3:00 pm

Today's Program
Carol Kelly, Conductor



- We Wish You a Merry Christmas *Arr. by A. I. Christopherson*
- Prelude to Christmas *Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner*
- Star of Emmanuel *John Henry Hopkins, Jr.*
 Arr. by Cooper Ford
- Evening Prayer – (cellos and basses) *Englebert Humperdinck*
 Arr. by Doris Gazda
- A Cold Winter's Night *Arr. by Erica Donahoe*
- 1812 Overture *Pyotr Tchaikovsky*
 Arr. by Carrie Lane Gruselle
- My Grandfather's Clock – (cellos and basses)
 Henry Clay Work
 Arr. by Joanne Martin
- Tales of Vienna Woods *Johann Strauss II*
 Arr. by Robert Longfield
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
 Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane
 Arr. by Carrie Lane Gruselle

Meet Our Members and Officers
The Really Terrible String Orchestra-PA
Carol Kelly, Conductor

VIOLIN

Allison deForest
 Tori Egensteiner
 Joy King
 Nancy Koch
 Ursula Merriman
 Chae Roat
 Colleen Schoneveld
 Dale Snyder
 Dorothea Tsang

STRING BASS

Charles Lyman
 Dave Schulte
 Ken Starace

PERCUSSION

Carol Galvelis

RTSO-PA OFFICERS

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 Joanne Lofaso
 Julie Snyder
 Marj Voight

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Carol Galvelis
 Ursula Merriman
 John Walker

The RTSO-PA thanks St. John's UCC for inviting us to perform for you today and for allowing us to rehearse on Sunday afternoons, twice a month, from 3:00-4:30. Please feel free to join us and listen to us. Better yet, if you have an instrument that you would like to dust off and play again, we will save a spot for you in the orchestra! We also thank our friends and anonymous donors for their generosity and support which enables us to perform for you today and the support of the following associations:

