



THE ARTS PART OF THE SOLUTION

THE STARS ALIGN IN DELAWARE

Central Ohio Symphony Illuminates the Community

Studies have shown that the arts help improve comprehension in other subjects. The Central Ohio Symphony recently heard first hand how a recent performance translated into exactly that kind of learning for one young concert attendee.

During the two sold out concerts featuring Gustav Holst's *The Planets* and John Williams' *Star Wars Suite*, Central Ohio Symphony worked in cooperation with the Adler Planetarium in



Chicago to present a wonderful video of each of our solar system's planets during the performance. A proud mother reported the next day that her 5-year-old had built a Mars Rover out of Legos on his own. When they later heard *The Planets* on the radio in the car and she said to her son "Listen, It's Neptune," he replied, "No Mom, it's Uranus." When she asked him how he knew he replied, "it's the music with the moons."

The variety of events Central Ohio Symphony planned for the community in conjunction with the concerts provided ample opportunities for the young and

old alike to learn more about the science behind astronomy while enjoying classical music. In addition to a symposium on the Ohio Wesleyan campus and special night at the Perkins Observatory, a guest speaker for NASA visited each Delaware county middle school the week of the concerts reaching more than five thousand students.

It's this kind of focus on and interaction with the community for which the Central Ohio Symphony is known. With the support of the Ohio Arts Council the Symphony presents a free concert each Fourth of July and several educational outreach programs with the Delaware county schools. In addition, when they recognize a need in the community they look for ways they can help fulfill it.

With the recent economic downturn many social service agencies have been hit particularly hard. This is especially true for shelters and food pantries. So when the League of American Orchestras announced their "Orchestras Feeding America" national campaign, Central Ohio Symphony was ready and willing. Partnering with Ohio Wesleyan University they organized a benefit concert for People in Need, Inc. a social service agency that provides emergency aide to Delaware County residents. Their Orchestras Feeding Delaware was not only a success but it set a national record for the most food donated in a single concert. A total of 2,160 pounds of food and personal items and more than \$500 in cash donations was raised in April.

It's these types of partnerships, between the arts and other community institutions, that make it possible for the residents of Delaware to reach for the stars.

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