

## **WOODSTOCK CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

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### **WOODSTOCK CHAMBER ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

The WOODSTOCK CHAMBER ORCHESTRA announces the selection of Nathan Madsen as the fourth music director in its 33-year history. Nathan was chosen from among four outstanding candidates for the position who each conducted a concert in the 2011-12 season.

Mr. Madsen is thoroughly at home in the mid-Hudson Valley, having led orchestras in the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts in Annandale-on-Hudson, Olin Hall at Bard College, and the Woodstock Playhouse, as well as north and south of our area at the Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center in Troy and Peter Norton Symphony Space in Manhattan.

He is currently the Assistant Conductor of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra in Lubbock, Texas. He formerly held conducting positions at Bard College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, building up orchestra programs at both institutions. This summer he will attend the Conductors Guild Workshop at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in Santa Cruz, California, studying with Marin Alsop and Gustav Meier.

Nathan Madsen holds degrees from the University of Southern California and Bard College, and is a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Orchestral Conducting from Texas Tech University. His primary teachers have been Harold Farberman, Larry Livingston, and Andrew George. He has also participated in master classes with Mark Heron and Tim Reynish at the Royal Northern College of Music in the United Kingdom.

The Woodstock Chamber Orchestra presents four programs in eight concerts each year, on Friday evenings at Olin Hall, Bard College, and on Sunday afternoons at the Woodstock Playhouse, at the intersection of Routes 212 and 375 in Woodstock.

Maria Todaro, Executive Director of the WCO, is currently working with Nathan to plan the WCO's 2012-13 season, which will be announced shortly.

The WOODSTOCK CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, formed in 1980 by musicians from the Woodstock area, now is comprised of professional musicians from the entire Hudson Valley. The WCO has a rich history of commissioning and performing music by local and regional composers and has held concerts regularly for 33 seasons in Woodstock, Kingston, Saugerties and at Bard College.

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