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**Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony opens new season  
with world renowned Pianist and works by Beethoven & Tchaikovsky**

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra launches its 39<sup>th</sup> Season on Saturday, 9 October 2010, 8:00 p.m. at Lansdale's Calvary Baptist Church with two powerful masterworks. The well-noted regional professional orchestra opens the 2010-2011 Season with internationally noted Pianist You You Zhang in a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 and the SPSO also features Tchaikovsky's beloved Symphony No. 5.

Originally from China and trained at the world's leading conservatories including the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and New York's Juilliard School, Ms. Zhang has maintained a close relationship with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra for nearly a decade and is one of the region's most popular guest artists. In 2002, she met Conductor Allan R. Scott, who, as president of the Philadelphia Young Artists Competition jury, awarded her first prize and the opportunity to perform with Maestro Scott. Since then, they have collaborated over a dozen times performing nearly every major piano concerto throughout the United States. "You You is one of the leading pianists of her generation," says Maestro Scott. "To see and hear her artistry is a memorable experience for a life time."

Ms. Zhang maintains an international career, performing with some of the most prestigious orchestras and has appeared throughout Europe and China, including the International Music Festival in Zurich, Switzerland, the International Music Academy in Leipzig, Germany, the Mendelssohn Concert Hall, and the Franz Liszt Concert Hall in Weimar, Germany. After recent performances in Italy, Ms. Zhang was praised as one of the best classical musicians in the world by Onclassical.com. The German press has praised Ms. Zhang stating that her "charisma is amazing," and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony is proud to once again bring this talented virtuoso pianist to the region.

Following the performance of Beethoven's *Emperor Concerto*, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra will perform the colossal *Fifth Symphony* by Tchaikovsky. Like Beethoven, Tchaikovsky portrayed his life's struggles throughout his music, and his *Fifth Symphony* is his ultimate victory through strife. After his *Sixth* and final symphony, the composer took his own life. Only in his *Fifth* does he gain some redemption and consolation in his life. His *Fifth Symphony* is considered one of the most powerful and inspiring works in all of music. The well-known horn solo has inspired many contemporary artists to use Tchaikovsky's melody, including John Denver's "Annie's Song," and the song "Moon Love" recorded by Glenn Miller and Chet Baker.

The rest of the 2010-2011 Season features other internationally noted artists and some of the greatest masterworks of all time. Season tickets are available for \$110, \$85 for seniors, and a special 50% off rate of \$62.50 for first time subscribers. Single tickets are available for \$25 and \$5 for students. For more information, contact the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony at 215/361-3099 or [www.spsso.info](http://www.spsso.info).



2010-2011 Season

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT I: *Beethoven's Emperor & Tchaikovsky's 5<sup>th</sup>!***

Saturday, 9 October 2010, 8:00 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra and world renowned Pianist You You Zhang open the Symphony's 39<sup>th</sup> Season with two powerful masterworks. From the majesty and heroism of the Beethoven's final piano concerto, to Tchaikovsky's confrontation with his inner demons and ultimate triumph, it is a perfect way to open this season of music!

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT II: *The King of All Instruments – The Organ Symphony***

Saturday, 13 November 2010, 8:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church

As part of Trinity Lutheran Church's tenth anniversary of their world class organ, the SPSO features the sheer power of sound with Saint-Saëns' *Organ Symphony*. The organ celebration is coupled with the mesmerizing and reflective music of Henryk Górecki's *Symphony of Sorrowful Songs*.

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT III: *Family Holiday Concert & Kid Conductors!***

Sunday, 12 December 2010, 3:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church

The Symphony ushers in the holiday season with some of the greatest Christmas music of all time. From the colors of brass and the heart-warming strings, SPSO is joined by the Trinity Lutheran Church Choirs, and the long tradition of *Kid Conductors!* in an afternoon that brings the spirit of Christmas to the region.

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT IV: *Dvořák's Cello Concerto & The Firebird***

Saturday, 5 February 2011, 8:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church

Internationally noted Romanian Cellist Ovidiu Marinescu brings Dvořák's emotionally demanding cello concerto. The concert is complete with the brilliant masterworks of Verdi's exciting Overture to *La forza del destino* and Stravinsky's spectacularly explosive *Firebird*.

**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT V: *Gershwin & Shostakovich***

Saturday, 2 April 2011, 8:00 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church

Superstar Australian Pianist Simon Tedeschi makes his SPSO debut with Gershwin's audience favorite *Rhapsody in Blue* and *Variations on "I Got Rhythm."* One of the greatest artistic salvations of humankind concludes SPSO's year in music with Shostakovich's provocative *Fifth Symphony*.