## Support GVOC

Since its founding in 1976, the generosity of area individuals, businesses, foundations and the Town of Perinton have helped the Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus to grow and flourish. You don't need to be able to sing or play an instrument to be part of our community:

- Become a Friend of GVOC by making a financial contribution.
- As a business, become a Season Sponsor and get noticed in our program, and online, by our loyal audiences.
- Volunteer to help in our office, to usher at concerts, to help us plan special events and fundraisers, to help with publicity and more.
- And, of course, join us for a concert!

We are always happy to meet with you to discuss giving opportunities. Contact us at 585-210-2215 or email to info@gvoc.org.

Ready to contribute now? Here's the QR code. And thanks!





Offering great music and musical opportunities for the people of the the Genesee Valley since 1976

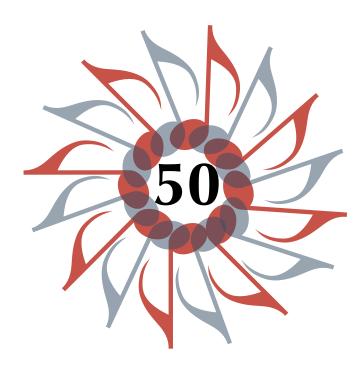


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genesee valley orchestra & chorus



Dr. Yunn-Shan Ma, Music Director

Join with GVOC as we approach our 50th anniversary! GVOC is delighted to welcome its newly appointed music director, Dr. Yunn-Shan Ma. We present four regularly scheduled concerts per season as well as appearances at the Perinton Amphitheater and other community venues. We look forward to some especially exciting programs as we approach our 50th anniversary in 2026. Watch our website at gvoc.org for updates.



Taiwan native Yunn-Shan Ma is active as a conductor, pianist, and educator in both America and Asia. With a passion for orchestral, operatic, choral, and contemporary repertoire, Ma has guest conducted select performances across Europe, Asia, and North America. Praised as being "extremely musical" and "having the gift of keeping the orchestra tight with her hands," Ma's range of conducting experience bridges the gap between professional, semi-professional, collegiate, and youth ensembles.

Her current conducting positions include Music Director of the RIT Philharmonic Orchestra; Music Director of the St. Kateri Parish in Irondequoit NY; Music and Artistic Director of the Taiwanese Choral Society of Rochester; and the co-director and co-founder of the semiprofessional chamber ensemble Mysterium.

## Auditioning for GVOC

Auditions are held at the beginning of the Fall and Spring seasons. Please see the GVOC website at www.gvoc.org/audition for specifics regarding audition times and places.

We are also happy to schedule ad-hoc auditions, depending on our voice and instrumentation needs, during the season. These auditions will be held during the season, prior to scheduled rehearsals. GVOC chorus rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings. Orchestra rehearsals are on Thursday evenings. All rehearsals are held in Fairport.

For more information and schedule a time, use the QR code below, send email to info.gvoc.org or call (585) 210-2215 and leave a message.

### AUDITION PREPARATION

SINGERS should prepare a short solo or a short excerpt of a choral piece you have sung.

ORCHESTRAL instrumentalists, will be asked to prepare a short solo or orchestral excerpt.

### REHEARSAL VENUE



Watch our Audition page for details:

# A Brief History of GVOC

In 1976 Virginia Hogan, SSJ, the conductor of the Diocesan Festival Chorus in Rochester and music director for the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, was asked by Perinton's Clergy-Lay Council to prepare a concert for the town's Bicentennial Celebration of the Independence of the United States. Calling on town



residents, Virginia brought together 40 singers for this concert. Later that year a small orchestra joined the group to perform Handel's "Messiah",

initiating our organization. Incorporated as the Perinton Community Chorus and Orchestra, the group grew from 40 singers to well over 130 singers and instrumentalists from not only Fairport, but also Rochester, Pittsford, Penfield, Victor, Greece, Webster, Honeoye Falls and other towns east of the Genesee. With representation from many towns in the Greater Rochester Area, the Perinton Community Chorus and Orchestra changed its name to the Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus (GVOC).

GVOC members delight in sharing their musical talents and versatility. GVOC has developed a repertoire ranging from spirituals to show tunes, folk songs and oratorios. The Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus is dedicated to providing opportunities for musical growth for its members and enriching the lives of area residents by providing high quality musical performances.