Presents

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Classical Kids Series Creator – Susan Hammond

Featuring
Actors from the Little Traverse Civic Theater
David Knitter as Antonio Vivaldi/Giovanni
Lindsay Knitter as Katarina
“All silent now, the magic spell is told, all silent now, our mystery tale unfolds…”

The Vivaldi’s Ring of Mystery theatrical symphony concert is an imaginative way to introduce young audiences and their families to the life and music of Antonio Vivaldi.

In January 2021, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) will present the Classical Kids Series, *Vivaldi’s Ring of Mystery* to hundreds of elementary and middle school students in their respective schools via a live video link. The GLCO invited multiple schools to participate (free of charge) in this exceptional learning experience. The exciting concert and story performance is approximately 50 minutes in length and is ideal for a classroom education program.

Vivaldi, Venice and violins: all three are celebrated in Vivaldi’s Ring of Mystery, a compelling mystery story about an orphan girl in the early 1700s who is in search of her roots. A central clue to the mystery is a missing Stradivarius violin that the Duke of Cremona has brought to Vivaldi’s school of the Pieta in the hopes of finding his long-lost grandchild. While all the facts about the period are true, a fictional child leads the audience into the composer’s world.

Students (audiences) will enjoy more than twenty-five excerpts from Vivaldi’s most popular and important works, including the Four Seasons, the Violin Concerto in A minor, and the Guitar Concerto. The music is magically woven into the drama as two actors solve a mystery built around the historic context of the composer’s real life and his school of the Pieta.

Susan Hammond, *Classical Kids Series Creator* is a music specialist and symphony educator. Classical Kids presents different composers and their stories rich in historical detail and vivid music. The accompanying classroom teacher materials support the Integrated Curriculum, Whole Language Learning, Enquiry-based Learning, and Visual Thinking Strategies, and include more than 100 facts, activities and thought-provoking questions to move beyond music into an integrated curriculum of social studies, creative writing, math, sciences and the other arts.