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**TILLES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS CLASSICAL MYSTERY LIVE: A
SYMPHONIC TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES FEATURING FORMER BEATLEMANIA MEMBERS
BACKED BY THE MASSAPEQUA PHILHARMONIC ON SEPTEMBER 21**

**PERFORMANCE IS FOLLOWED BY APPEARANCE BY LEGENDARY BEATLES'
PHOTOGRAPHER HARRY BENSON ON OCTOBER 10**

Both Events Celebrate the Beatles' 60th Anniversary Tour of the U.S.

(Brookville, New York...September 2024)

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at LIU Post announces **Classical Mystery Tour: A Symphonic Tribute to the Beatles** on **Saturday, September 21 at 8 pm**. The performance features original members of the **Broadway sensation *Beatlemania*** performing live with **Long Island's own Massapequa Philharmonic**, conducted by **David Bernard**. Hear timeless Beatles hits performed exactly as they were recorded including *Yesterday, Eleanor Rigby, Hey Jude, A Hard Day's Night, All You Need is Love*, and *While My Guitar Gently Weeps*, accompanied by the 30-piece orchestra.

Then, on Thursday, October 10 at 7 pm, is an appearance by **renowned Scottish photographer Harry Benson**, who was assigned to cover the Beatles' first trip to the U.S. in 1964. The evening will consist of a screening of the documentary, ***Harry Benson: Shoot First***, which follows Harry's incredible career, followed by a Q&A with the legendary photographer, who will be onsite to answer audience questions.

Both events at Tilles Center mark the 60th Anniversary of the Beatles' final show of their historic U.S. tour, which took place at Forest Hills Stadium on September 20, 1964.

ABOUT CLASSICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Since its initial show in 1996, Classical Mystery Tour has performed with more than 100 orchestras across the United States and around the world, receiving accolades from fans and the media. The *Los Angeles Times* called the show "more than just an incredible simulation...the swelling strings and soaring French horn lines gave the live performance a high goose-bump quotient...the crowd stood and bellowed for more."

"We really make an effort to sound exactly like the originals," explains James Owen, the founder of Classical Mystery Tour who also portrays John Lennon in the show. "The orchestra score is exact, right down to every note and instrument that was on the original recording. On 'Got to Get You into My Life,' we have two tenor saxes and three trumpets. That's what it was written for, and that's what we use. And on 'A Day in the Life,' that final big orchestra crescendo sounds amazing when it's played live."

ABOUT MASSAPEQUA PHILHARMONIC

The Massapequa Philharmonic Orchestra is Long Island's premier orchestra, bringing cultural leadership and exciting concerts featuring world-class soloists to Long Island's audiences for over 38 years. Under the direction of renowned conductor, David Bernard, the Massapequa Philharmonic has built significant partnerships with the Nassau County Museum of Art and the Massapequa Public Schools, fulfilling a vision of outreach and cultural leadership across Long Island. Under Maestro Bernard, the orchestra has performed sold out shows at the Madison Theatre at Molloy College. Most recently, the Massapequa Philharmonic has begun serving as Orchestra-in-Residence at Tilles Center, as well as the Nassau County Museum of Art, producing video concert events and chamber music alongside the exhibits at the Museum.

ABOUT HARRY BENSON

Harry first arrived in America with the Beatles in 1964. In his long and storied career, he has photographed twelve U.S. presidents, was just feet away from Senator Bobby Kennedy the night he was assassinated, was on the Meredith march with Martin Luther King, Jr., next to Coretta Scott King at her husband's funeral, and there when the Berlin Wall went up and when it came down.

A list of all 2024/25 Season events, sortable by genre and date, is available [here](#).

A digital version of the 2024/25 Season brochure is available at tillescenter.org/events/brochure.

Ticket Information

Ticket prices for most performances start at \$35 but patrons are encouraged to buy early for the best seats at the best prices. Tickets at tillescenter.org or ticketmaster.com, in-person at Tilles Center's Tantleff Box Office or by telephone at 516.299.3100. The box office, located at 720 Northern Boulevard (Route 25A) in Brookville, New York, is open Monday to Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Fees are associated with all orders, and there are no refunds, though subscribers also enjoy exchange privileges. Subscribers save up to 25% with series subscriptions, or 10% with Tilles Your Way flex packages.

ABOUT TILLES CENTER

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at LIU Post's mission is to engage and enrich our community through arts performance, education, and advocacy. For more than 40 years, Tilles Center has hosted and presented more than 50 performances each season by world-renowned artists in music, theater, and dance. The nonprofit also supports thousands of children and adult learners each year through its robust arts education programs, providing arts experiences to underserved communities — from low-income school districts and those on the autism spectrum to local seniors. Tilles Center is located at LIU Post, 720 Northern Blvd, Brookville NY. Learn more at tillescenter.org.

ABOUT LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY (LIU)

Long Island University, founded in 1926, continues to redefine higher education, providing high quality academic instruction by world-class faculty. Recognized by Forbes for its emphasis on experiential learning and by the Brookings Institution for its "value added" to student outcomes, LIU has a network of over 285,000 alumni, including industry leaders and entrepreneurs around the globe. Visit liu.edu for more information.

ABOUT CATHOLIC HEALTH

Catholic Health is an integrated system encompassing some of the region's finest health and human services agencies. The health system has nearly 17,000 employees, six acute care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home health service, hospice, and a network of physician practices.

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