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presents

RAY CONNIFF

8:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1976,
NESHAMINY LANGHORNE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Ray Conniff

It is a pleasure and great honor for us to welcome back to Neshaminy one of America's most gifted and popular musical arrangers and conductors — Ray Conniff.

Following his sensational appearance at Neshaminy in 1970, where he not only conducted our choir but entertained the audience from the illumination of a single flashlight during a forty minute blackout, Ray stated that he would like to be invited back sometime, and Mr. Kloos has not let him forget it! In 1972 Mr. Conniff returned for a second — even more memorable appearance. This year, again, Ray Conniff returns to Neshaminy not only as a world famous personality, but as a real friend — a friend who would take four days from his extremely exhaustive schedule to come to a Senior High School and **teach** the singers and instrumentalists! To give our girls and boys this opportunity to rehearse and perform with a famous professional artist of Mr. Conniff's calibre is providing an enriching educational experience they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

For the past two days it has been our privilege to work with the master himself; and our goal to produce the instantly identifiable sound that is known the world over as Ray Conniff.

Like all great things, the music that is today known as "the Conniff Sound" took time—it is the product of years of hard work, devotion and imagination. It is testimony to the musical genius who created it.

Born to a musical family in Attleboro, Massachusetts, Ray played trombone in his high school band and gathered together a group of local youngsters to organize a dance orchestra. For them he wrote his first arrangement — "Sweet Georgia Brown".

Out of high school, Ray got his first professional musical position with Dan Murphy's "Musical Skippers" in Boston. He played trombone, arranged music and drove a panel truck. After two years he headed south for New York and opportunity.

Ray's first job in New York was as a trombonist-arranger with the great Bunny Berigan. For 15 months Ray worked with Bunny, acquiring a name as an arranger and trombonist in the music world.

As a result of this work, Bob Crosby hired him away in 1939 and Ray went to work arranging and playing trombone with the "Bobcats." After one year with Crosby he was hired away again, this time by Artie Shaw.

After Shaw came Glen Gray, and then Uncle Sam, where Ray arranged for the Armed Forces Radio Services until 1946. Upon release from the Army he went to work arranging for Harry James.

In the early 50's the big break in Ray's career came when he met Mitch Miller of Columbia Records. This led to his arranging for Columbia, and in 1954 he scored Don Cherry's rendition of "Band of Gold." It became a wildfire hit. This started a series of Conniff-arranged Columbia recording sessions which resulted in hit records. Among them were Johnny Ray's "Walkin' In The Rain," Frankie Laine's "Moonlight Gambler," and Guy Mitchell's "Singin' The Blues." Later there was Marty Robbins' "White Sport Coat," and the huge Johnny Mathis hits "Chances Are," "Wonderful, Wonderful" and "It's Not For Me To Say."

Ray's success arranging for other conductors prompted Columbia to give him the podium himself for an album and his first, "S Wonderful," was in the top twenty albums in popularity for nine months. Cash Box voted Ray "the most promising up and coming band leader of 1957." He won the same award again in 1958, and in 1959 Disc Jockeys voted him the number one award for being "the most played orchestra on the air."

He has already received nine "Gold Record Awards" which are given by the recording industry for an album achieving over \$1,000,000 in sales. The albums receiving this high distinction are: "S Wonderful," "Concert in Rhythm Vol. 1," "Memories Are Made Of This," "So Much In Love," "Christmas With Conniff," "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," "Somewhere My Love," "Honey," and "It Must Be Him".

His latest album releases are "I Write the Songs", "Love Will Keep Us Together", "Laughter In The Rain", "The Happy Sound of Ray Conniff" and "The Way We Were."

One of the amazing things about the Ray Conniff sound is that his popularity never seems to diminish. At the present time his catalogue is selling 3,000,000 albums a year and almost one half of this amount is in countries other than the United States and Canada. We learned last year just how popular Ray Conniff is in West Germany!

Last year Ray was honored by being the first American popular music artist to be invited by the Russian State Recording Agency to come to the Soviet Union and record his own arrangements of popular Russian songs. The effort was wildly successful, again proving the power of music to bring peoples together. Mr. Conniff has presented a copy of this Russian record to our Social Studies department where it is being used by Mr. Burt in his World Cultures unit.

We also extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Conniff's lovely wife, Vera (whose picture graces many of Ray's albums) and welcome back to Neshaminy their adorable little daughter Tamara.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Conniff for making the Neshaminy Senior High School Concert Choir's thirteenth year the most exciting yet!





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PROGRAM

I. THE NESHAMINY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

- On Stage With Cole Porter Cole Porter
 - It's All Right With Me
 - True Love
 - From This Moment On
- Brigadoon - Selection Frederick Loewe
- America - Our Heritage Helen Steele

II. THE NESHAMINY LANGHORNE HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC CHOIR

- The Last Words of David Randall Thompson
- Lazy Afternoon (from "Ozark Set") Elie Siegmeister
- Requiem (from the Requiem) Giuseppe Verdi
- Back Home Again John Denver

III. THE NESHAMINY LANGHORNE FRESHMAN CHOIR

- How Excellent Thy Name (from **Saul**) George Frederick Handel
- Bourree (from "2nd English Suite") Johann Sebastian Bach
- The Yellow Rose of Texas arr. Robert Shaw
- The Liberty Bell John Philip Sousa
- America the Beautiful arr. Buryl Red
- Freedom (from "Shenandoah") Gary Geld

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RAY CONNIFF

CONDUCTING THE NESHAMINY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

All of the arrangements are by Mr. Conniff

From the Columbia Album: I WRITE THE SONGS

I Write the Songs (Johnston)
Paloma Blanca (Bouwens)

From the Columbia Album: LOVE WILL KEEP US TOGETHER

Feelings (Albert)
Theme from "Paper Tiger" (Budd & Cahn)

From the Columbia Album: THE HAPPY SOUND OF RAY CONNIFF

The Entertainer (Scott Joplin)
Apple Blossom Time (Von Tilzer)

From the Columbia Album: THE WAY WE WERE

The Way We Were (Hamlisch & Bergman)

From the Columbia Album: YOU ARE THE SUNSHINE OF MY LIFE

Tie A Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree (Brown & Levine)

From the Columbia Album: I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

I Believe In Music (Mac Davis)

From the Columbia Album: BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER

Someone (Ray Conniff)
I'll Never Fall In Love Again (Burt Bacharach)
Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head (Burt Bacharach)
Bridge Over Troubled Water (Paul Simon)

From the Columbia Album: SOMEWHERE MY LOVE

Somewhere My Love (Maurice Jarre)

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Trumpet: Scott Beck, Jeff Lathrop, Thomas Knotts
Trombone: Paul Soderbloom, Ed Rada
Guitar: John Kross, Lenny Solk
Bass: Scott Thompson

Percussion: Robert Spurrier, Ken Lawrence
Organ: Walter Sepanica
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Patti Clipner
Connie Dance
Ricarda Dehl
Cindy Ebert
Angela Fario
Sarah Grove
Karen Hansen
Lynne Henderson
Tracey Kelly
Audrey Layton
Nancy Mackay
Terry Mogue
Sue Quinliss
Leslie Ritter
Ruth Sathra

Joanne Schmoll
Diane Schuehler
Kim Walton
Joni Weiss
Sandy Whaling
Karen Wisnia
Audrey Zettick

Alto

Nancy Berk
Sherry Bogarde
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Anita Cechak
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Sue Veith†
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Carol Williams

Tenor

Michael Bulbenko
Reiner Birkenstock
Scott Crawford
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Wally Cronin
Mark English

Vince Gallagher
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Tim Mack
Doug Neff
Bill Poulter
Paul Soderblom
Brian Tepper
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Jim Wicks

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Donna Brockelman
Lorianne Carey
Laurie Cartledge
Linda DiBona
Lisa Farnish
Laura Fegley
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Sharon Mikelaite
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Ruth Vlissing
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Maria Wilke
Pam Zimmerman

Alto

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