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1 Windham Philharmonic offers 'Beethoven in December
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5 The Windham Philharmonic invites everyone to its third
6 annual "Beethoven in December — with Holiday Treats" concert
7 at the Latchis Theatre on Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

8 This concert "pairs the energy and nobility of a
9 Beethoven symphony with music of fantasy, compassion, and
10 sparkling good humor," wrote organizers in a news release.

11 It's about "Beethoven's unstoppable vitality meeting
12 Berlioz's compassion and Anderson's laughter, with much fantasy
13 and scintillation in between," Music Director Hugh Keelan said
14 in a news release. "It reminds us that joy is in our nature, and
15 profoundly satisfying to experience in community. And let joy
16 itself be our own vigorous protest!"

17 The program opens with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in
18 A major, often called the "apotheosis of the dance." From its first
19 chords to its finale, the Seventh "embodies joy as movement — a
20 fitting celebration of vitality and community in the darkening
21 days of December."

22 After intermission, the orchestra turns to Humperdinck's
23 Overture to *Hänsel und Gretel*, Ponchielli's "Dance of the Hours"
24 from *La Gioconda*, and Berlioz's "Shepherds' Farewell" from
25 *L'Enfance du Christ*.

26 The concert concludes, as always, with Leroy Anderson's
27 "Sleigh Ride," a "joyous dash through orchestral snow, sleigh
28 bells, snorting horses, and all," said organizers.

29 Admission is free with donations encouraged; more
30 information is at windhamphilharmonic.org.

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