



# **STANDING TOGETHER**

## ORCHESTRA KENTUCKY ANNOUNCES JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup> BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR TORNADO RELIEF.

## Concert at SKyPAC to feature Orchestra Kentucky in a concert of patriotic music.

## Minimum donation to attend is \$25 with all net proceeds going to storm relief.

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BOWLING GREEN, KY – On Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in SKyPAC, Jeff Reed and Orchestra Kentucky will perform "Standing Together," a benefit of the people and places impacted by the tornados that hit Warren County on the early morning hours of December 11<sup>th</sup>. The concert will last about an hour with no intermission and will feature music celebrating America's spirit and resilience .

The minimum donation to attend "Standing Together" is \$25 and all net proceeds will go to storm relief agencies serving Warren County. Tickets are available online at www.theskypac.com or by calling the SKyPAC Box Office at (270) 904-1880, open from 9am to 5pm weekdays.

"Many people and organizations are mobilizing to do whatever they can to help, and that speaks to the generous nature of our community," said Orchestra Kentucky Music Director Jeff Reed. "Orchestra Kentucky and SKyPAC literally exist because of the great people of Bowling Green, and we have an obligation to help them. Even if that is only to bring some solace through music and raise a little bit of money."

### ARTS OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY

Orchestra Kentucky - Founded in 2000, Orchestra Kentucky of Bowling Green quickly became south central Kentucky's professional orchestra. Its members have performed with ensembles such as the Cincinnati, St. Louis, Dallas, Nashville, Charleston and Louisville orchestras. With more than 1,000 subscribers in a community of approximately 60,000, the orchestra attributes its success to innovative programming, designed to appeal to a variety of audiences.

Orchestra Kentucky has backed legendary entertainers, including Neil Sedaka, Glen Campbell, Kenny Rogers, Paul Williams and The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension. It is involved in commissioning new works by popular performers, premiering compositions by Neil Sedaka, Keith Emerson, Peter Tork, Jimmy Webb, and PDQ Bach.

<u>Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center</u> - A premier entertainment center, SKyPAC is a multi-use facility located in downtown Bowling Green, KY. The facility includes an 1,800-seat state-of-the-art auditorium including The Renshaw Education Center, which houses the Carol Wedge Studio Theater - a flexible 2,600 sq. ft. space for intimate productions and gatherings; several multi-functional rehearsal halls/classrooms; a children's art gallery and a main gallery. The Capitol Arts Center provides a 750-seat auditorium and two art galleries, the Houchens Gallery and Mezzanine Gallery.

<u>Jeffrey Reed</u> - Jeffrey Reed, music director, founded Orchestra Kentucky in 2000. Since then, he has conducted orchestras in Detroit, Indianapolis, Nashville, South Korea, Milan, Italy and St. Petersburg, Russia. He has twice conducted the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at London's Albert Hall. Bestselling author and marketer Seth Godin singled Reed out in his best-selling study of new creativity, "Small is the New Big." Godin praised his "clever" concerts and praised the "totally different way" Reed approaches programming. In 2015, the University of Louisville named Reed its Alumni Fellow for the School of Music in recognition of his distinguished work in his chosen field. In 2008, he received the Jefferson Award for public service in South Central Kentucky. In 2020, Reed was named President & CEO of Arts of Southern Kentucky – a new organization created when Orchestra Kentucky assumed management of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center.

In 2020, with the assistance of the Warren County Fiscal Court and Judge Michael O. Buchanon, Orchestra Kentucky assumed management of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC). The new organization, titled Arts of Southern Kentucky, is led administrative and artistically by Jeffrey Reed.

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