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THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA PERFORMS “BEETHOVEN LIVES UPSTAIRS” FAMILY CONCERT AT SEVERANCE HALL ON MAY 6

**Michael Buttermann conducts
story-in-concert program featuring Classical Kids LIVE!**

Music and drama will be interwoven on the stage of Severance Hall as [The Cleveland Orchestra](#) presents a performance of “Beethoven Lives Upstairs,” the fourth and final program in the Orchestra’s 2011-12 Family Concert Series, on [Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m.](#) The performance features special guests [Classical Kids LIVE!](#). The program is conducted by [Michael Buttermann](#), music director of the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra and the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra, and now in his twelfth season as principal conductor for Education and Outreach for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the first position of its kind in the United States.

Based on the Classical Kids® recording of the same name, “Beethoven Lives Upstairs” features actors [Natalie Berg](#) as Christoph, a fictional 10-year-old boy who corresponds by letters with his uncle, played by [Thad Avery](#), and explains the personality and real-life eccentricities of the composer “Mr. Beethoven,” who has moved in upstairs. Incorporating more than 25 excerpts from some of Beethoven’s best-known works, including *Für Elise* (“For Elise”), the “Moonlight”

Sonata, and the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth Symphonies, “Beethoven Lives Upstairs” gives audiences the opportunity to truly understand and appreciate the life of this exceptional genius through his fictional relationship with Christoph.

Speaking about young people and the concert experience, Michael Buttermann has commented, “It is so important that our finest orchestras continue to program concerts specifically for young people. There is no replacement for the experience of hearing live orchestral music and engaging the creative senses of our future musicians and audiences.”

Family Concert sponsor Giant Eagle will provide free grab and go treats to audience members following the performance.

One-hour Family Concerts are designed for children ages 7 and older and their families, providing an opportunity for families to spend quality time together while enjoying popular classical music performed by one of the world’s top orchestras in historic Severance Hall. Fun, free, concert-related activities are available beginning one hour before each concert. Pre-concert activities for the “Beethoven Lives Upstairs” concert include:

- Instrument Discovery with Royalton Music Center (Smith Lobby) – Kids can discover their “inner musician” by trying out orchestral instruments with the assistance of Royalton Music Center staff and students from the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music.
- Picture Yourself at Severance Hall with Beethoven (Smith Lobby) – Bring your camera for an opportunity to photograph your child with a life-size cutout of Beethoven.
- Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Ensembles (Reinberger Chamber Hall) – Four ensembles from the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, coached by members of The Cleveland Orchestra, will perform chamber music.

Severance Restaurant

Severance Restaurant is open for dining service two hours prior to each Cleveland Orchestra Family Concert. Reservations are strongly recommended. For Severance Restaurant reservations, call 216-231-7373 anytime or visit www.clevelandorchestra.com/visit/severance-dining.aspx.

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TICKET AND PARKING INFORMATION

TICKET PRICES: Orchestra and Dress Circle: \$22; Balcony: \$15.

Venue information: Severance Hall, which opened in 1931 as the home of The Cleveland Orchestra, is located at 11001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Call 216-231-1111 or 800-686-1141 or visit online at clevelandorchestra.com.

Subscription Office Hours: 9-5 Monday-Friday

Ticket Office Hours: 9-6 Monday-Friday, 10-6 Saturday. Closed Sundays and holidays, except for those days with performances, when the Ticket Office opens 3 hours before concert start time.

The Severance Hall Ticket Office is located in the Smith Lobby. The entrance and 15-minute Ticket Service parking are along East Boulevard.

Group Sales (groups of 10 or more): Call 216-231-7493 or email groupsales@clevelandorchestra.com.

For information about parking for Severance Hall concerts, click [here](#).

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Sunday, May 6, 2012, at 2 p.m.
(Pre-concert activities begin at 1 p.m.)

Severance Hall

FAMILY CONCERT

The Cleveland Orchestra
Michael Butterman, *conductor*
with special guests Classical Kids LIVE!
Natalie Berg, *Christoph*
Thad Avery, *Uncle*

Beethoven Lives Upstairs

"Beethoven Lives Upstairs" is the award-winning story of a young boy whose life is turned upside down when the composer Ludwig van Beethoven moves into his family's boarding house. The story-in-concert incorporates more than 25 excerpts from some of Beethoven's best-known works, including *Für Elise* ("For Elise"), the "Moonlight" Sonata, and the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth Symphonies.

Tickets: \$15, \$22

To order: (216) 231-1111, 800-686-1141, or visit clevelandorchestra.com to select your own seats and print your tickets at home

Location: Severance Hall, 11001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

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