Supervisor Mark Lesko Announces Long Island Philharmonic to Perform Free "Music Under The Stars" Concert at Brookhaven Amphitheater

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**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Mark Lesko has announced that the Town will present a free concert featuring the Long Island Philharmonic at the Brookhaven Amphitheater on Sunday, August 15 at 7:30 pm. The performance will feature familiar classics such as "Allegro from Overture to William Tell," "March of the Toreadors," and "Overture to the Marriage of Figaro". The program will also include popular musical tributes to movie westerns, Hollywood, and a special salute to the Armed Forces with a rousing rendition of "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa that concludes with a spectacular fireworks display. Critically acclaimed Irish Tenor and Long Island native Andy Cooney will sing the "Star Spangled Banner". The Long Island Philharmonic will be conducted by David Stewart Wiley, who has also served as Music Director since 2001.

The August 15 performance by the Long Island Philharmonic signals what Supervisor Lesko described as the "kick-off of a long term relationship with one of the area's premiere cultural arts organizations." He further commented, "Our plan is to work with the Long Island Philharmonic and schedule a number of concerts at the Amphitheater for next summer to provide high quality, family entertainment that all our residents can enjoy."

"We are thrilled to be returning to the Amphitheater and performing again for the residents of Brookhaven this summer," said Stephen Belth, Executive Director of the Long Island Philharmonic. "We are especially excited to become part of the cultural renaissance envisioned by this extraordinary community and look forward to working with Brookhaven's leadership to launch a world-class summer festival of music for 2011."

The Long Island Philharmonic was founded in 1979 by the late folk singer Harry Chapin in collaboration with Maestro Christopher Keene and several area business leaders. Since then, the orchestra has provided cultural and educational benefits of the highest level to area residents. Considered young by American orchestra standards, the Philharmonic has made significant strides in expanding its programs and offering a musical product of the highest caliber.