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Two youth orchestras to play with Gwinnett Philharmonic

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DULUTH, Ga., Feb. 15, 2008 -- Side by Side: Sensational Strings, a bold and exciting concert featuring the Gwinnett County Public Schools Honor Orchestras performing side by side with the professional musicians of the Gwinnett Philharmonic, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, at the Performing Arts Center of the Gwinnett Center.

This crowd-pleasing concert showcases the finest student musicians of Gwinnett, chosen as Honors Orchestra members through audition by virtue of their own hard work and talent. These young musicians are among the best that the county has to offer, and performing alongside professional musicians gives them a unique opportunity to learn from a professional as well as experience performing in a professional-level venue and concert.

Gwinnett County Public Schools is one of the few school systems in Georgia that provides funding for two honor orchestras. The program consists of two performance organizations, which perform music from standard professional literature and provide an opportunity for students to gain experience above and beyond what is offered in the local schools. Students are expected to study and perform musical selections with care and accuracy, and with sensitivity to the aesthetic properties of the music.

The Kendall Youth Orchestra is the younger of the two orchestras,

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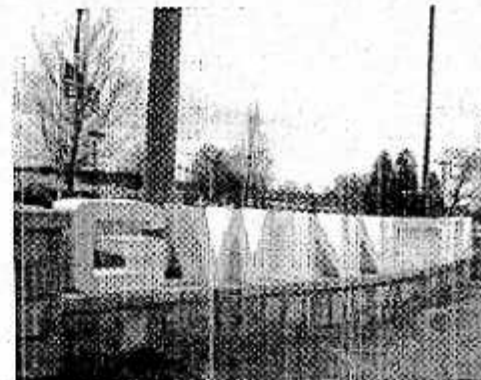
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theatre-hating drama critic who must deal with his crazy, homicidal family and local police in Brooklyn, as he debates whether to go through with a honeymoon with the woman he loves and has recently agreed to marry. His family includes two spinster aunts who have taken to murdering lonely old men by poisoning them with a glass of home-made elderberry wine laced with arsenic, strychnine and "just a pinch" of cyanide; a brother who believes he is Teddy Roosevelt and digs locks for the Panama Canal in the cellar of the Brewster home (which then serve as graves for the aunts' victims); and a murderous brother who has received plastic surgery performed by an alcoholic accomplice, Dr Einstein.

Performances continue through March 30. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. To learn more about The New London Theatre, go to www.newlondontheatre.org or call at (770) 979-3691.

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New community gateway landmarks arrive at Gwinnett Place

People frequenting greater Gwinnett Place can now see new community landmarks with the recent addition of visual enhancements in key areas.

The Gwinnett Place CID has overseen the installation of two monument-style gateway markers - one at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Old Norcross Road, the other at Satellite Boulevard and Steve Reynolds Boulevard.

The new gateway areas are patterned after the CID's first installation completed at Commerce Avenue and Satellite Boulevard, which features a stone structure bearing the name "Gwinnett Place" in large, individual letters. Similar to the existing structure, the two new monuments will also be wired for subdued evening-time backlighting.

Joe Allen, CID Executive Director, says: "These gateways are some of our most visible points for access to Gwinnett Place, and we hope that their presence will encourage a cohesive sense of community in our area. These markers are part of our signage and wayfinding master plan."