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## **Riverside Symphonia's Concert Under the Stars**

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Armed with tarps and lawn chairs concertgoers braved the gloomy skies to attend the Riverside Symphonia's annual Concert Under the Stars. Spirits were not dampened as the clouds held their rain to make the evening a success. Maestro Mariusz Smolij lead the ensemble in repertoire including Sousa's *Stars and Stripes*, Williams's *The Patriot*, *A Paul Simon Medley* arranged by Ling, the *Armed Forces Salute* arranged by Lowden, and Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*.

*The Concert Under the Stars* has become an annual tradition honoring our nation's independence. Local residents have found there is no better way to herald in the summer season than with this evening surrounded by friends, family and the sounds of the Symphonia. When gates opened at 6pm a parade of concert goers began staking their claim to a portion of the grounds of Tinicum Park. As parents set up their trappings, children played in the surrounding fields. Some came simply with coolers while others created an elaborate plein-air dining hall. There were sounds of laughter and a palatable air of happiness and excitement was present as the fields begin to brim with people. Friends and families met to immerse themselves into an evening of musical enjoyment and good old fashioned camaraderie. Set between the rolling hills of Tinicum Township and the banks of the Delaware River the setting was perfect backdrop for the ending fireworks timed to the bars of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*.

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