



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
and GREENWICH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Invite you to its program February 23 at 11:00 a.m.
at First Presbyterian Church, One West Putnam, Greenwich, CT**

The program is also available on webinar: <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

Joshua Gersen Conductor's Choice



Joshua Gersen, the fourth of the five candidates competing for the position of musical director and conductor of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra, will discuss his approach to conducting and the music he loves. The format will be a conversation with concert goer Gerald Pollack of the RMA.

An artist of impeccable musical credentials, Maestro Gersen is widely respected as an engaging and inspiring conductor, able to communicate effortlessly with both young and established orchestras internationally. A native of the New York area, he has been Music Director of the New York Youth Symphony for the past five years and recently concluded his tenure as the Assistant Conductor of the New York Philharmonic.

A respected composer as well as conductor, Joshua is a champion of contemporary music and was Principal Conductor of the Ojai Music Festival in 2013, where he led numerous performances by celebrated American composers such as Lou Harrison and John Luther Adams. He also remains passionate about the core classical repertoire, in particular the German and Russian masters, as well as the classic American composers, including Copland, Gershwin, Barber and Bernstein.

Joshua has enjoyed a very successful relationship with the New World Symphony and since his conducting debut with the San Francisco Symphony has been invited back numerous times to conduct a variety of concerts.

Joshua grew up in Monroe, CT, attended some Greenwich Symphony concerts in his youth, and had many teachers in the orchestra. He earned his undergraduate degree in composition from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and received his degree in conducting from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

On February 26 and 27 Maestro Gersen will conduct the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra in a program of Eleanor Alberga's *The Golden Palace from Sun Warrior*, Rachmaninov's *Piano Concerto No. 2*, and Elgar's *Enigma Variations*.

Attendees must show proof of vaccination and booster at the door for admittance. Masks must be worn at all times in the church.

Next week, March 2: Leslee Asch, Puppet maker and author of *Out of the Shadows: The Henson Festivals and Their Impact on Contemporary Puppet Theater (2020)*, on "The World of Puppets."

The Greenwich Retired Men's Association offers a free speaker program every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see www.greenwichrma.org or contact us by email at info@greenwichrma.org.