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## LEXINGTON SYMPHONY PRESENTS "EUROPEAN DELIGHTS"

Guest conductor David Hoose to offer pre-concert Conductor's Talk at 7 p.m.

*Lexington, MA* . . . Lexington Symphony's 2014–2015 20th-anniversary season continues on Saturday, April 11, 2015, with "European Delights," an adventurous sampling of musical fare featuring works by Mendelssohn, Elgar, and Tchaikovsky. The concert, which will take place at 8 p.m. at Lexington High School Auditorium (251 Waltham Street, Lexington, Massachusetts), will be led by guest conductor David Hoose, who will wield the baton in the stead of Lexington Symphony Music Director Jonathan McPhee.

The appetizer for this delectable program is German composer Felix Mendelssohn's boisterous *Symphony No. 4.* Known as the "Italian," this orchestral symphony is inspired by Mendelssohn's experience of the sights, sounds, and ambiance of Italy. Offered as the next course is English composer Sir Edward Elgar's poignant and romantic *Serenade for Strings.* Lexington Symphony's own accomplished pianist, Paul Carlson, will impart the final flavor of the evening with a performance of one of the most beloved Russian piano concertos of all time: Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1.* The high drama and soaring melodies of this celebrated masterpiece will balance out this very European presentation for the senses.

Tickets for European Delights, which are priced at \$50/\$40/\$30 and \$15 for students, can be purchased online at www.lexingtonsymphony.org, by telephone at 781-523-9009, or at the door.

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