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VSO Returns to South Pomfret

Pentangle in collaboration with the Woodstock Inn and Resort welcome the VSO's TD Bank Summer Festival Tour to Saksadena Six Ski Area (formerly Suicide Six) at 247 Stage Rd, South Pomfret on June 30th. The gate opens at 5:30 and the concert begins at 7:30 pm.

The program includes a lineup of American favorites to get you dancing and celebrating the most anticipated time of year in Vermont. Guest trumpeter and jazz legend Ray Vega joins the VSO and Argentinian/Italian conductor Michelle di Russo in a concert of swing, jazz, spirituals, and marches. A "...hornman with deep roots in Latin Music and Afro-Cuban Jazz" (New York Daily News), Vega is known as a prolific, state-wide performer and as host of Vermont Public's Friday Night Jazz program. Relax under the balmy summer skies with feisty, soothing, and unforgettable music by Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Thelonious Monk, George Gershwin, John Philip Sousa, Johnny Mandel and more. Bring your picnic baskets and summer spirit!

Sun umbrellas are welcome until the start of the concert. Flashlights are also suggested to help you find your way to your car after the sun has set. Smoking and animals (except assistance and service animals) are not allowed at any VSO concert. Advance Tickets are \$28, \$5 for ages 6-18, and free for age 5 and under.

For accessibility information, please contact Saksadena Six Ski Area at (802) 457-6666. The rain location is in the auditorium at Woodstock Union High School, 100 Amsden Way.

To purchase tickets or learn more about the event please go to <https://pentanglearts.org/event/vso/#content>

The concert is produced in partnership with Pentangle Arts, and sponsors TD Bank, Quality Inn at Quechee, Woodstocker B&B, Courtyard Marriott, and Avalon Tent Company with special acknowledgement to the Woodstock Inn and Resort.

On the Big Stage:

Two weeks prior to the VSO concert Pentangle hosts a week of music on the big stage! The first of which features the **Upper Valley Community Band, Sunday, June 11th at 2 pm**. The concert is free and open to the public with donations gratefully accepted.

Director Mark Nelson and Associate Director Dominick DeFrancisco will lead the band through a diverse program that includes works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Clifton Williams, Robert Russell Bennett, Omar Thomas, Maurice Ravel, Al Sweet, Andrew Boysen Jr., and others.

The Upper Valley Community Band is a roughly 50-member ensemble that performs throughout the Up-

per Valley region, on both sides of the river. Throughout the fall, winter, and spring, they perform several formal concerts across the region. During the summer, you can often find them on their "rolling bandstand" at various parades and performing on town greens.

For more information about the group visit: uvcb.org

On June 14 at 7:30 pm we welcome the **Upper Valley Music Center's Upper Valley Chamber Orchestra**.

The Upper Valley Music Center's longest-running adult ensemble will perform stirring and spirited 20th-century music. Soprano Chiho Kaneko joins the orchestra for Richard Strauss's Four Last Songs, featuring poetry by Hermann Hesse and Joseph von Eichendorff. The ensemble will be joined by pianist William Ogmundson and harpist Sorana Scarlat for Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring. The Upper Valley Chamber Orchestra features more than 40 musicians from throughout the region, led by Conductor Mark Nelson.

There is a suggested donation of \$20 for adults.

For additional details: uvmusic.org/event/upper-valley-chamber-orchestra

On June 15th at 7:30 pm the week of music culminates with the **Barbershop Harmony Society Concert**.

The evening features two acclaimed choruses. The North Country Chordsmen and the VoxStars who sing a cappella music in the Hanover, NH Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Chordsmen are a low voice group that entertains in the barbershop style. The VoxStars are a mixed voice chorus that performs contemporary a cappella songs. Come hear songs like Sweet Caroline, Can't Stop the Feeling, and Seven Bridges Road!

There is a suggested donation of \$20 per family, with \$12 per person for reserved seating. This concert is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Bill and Lauran Corson. To learn more or to purchase reserved seats please visit <https://pentanglearts.org/event/barbershop-harmony-society-concert/#content>

On the Big Screen:

This upcoming weekend, Pentangle screens the sleeper hit *You Hurt My Feelings*, starring Julia-Louis Dreyfus and Tobias Menzies. The film is about a novelist's (Dreyfus) longstanding marriage suddenly upended when she overhears her husband (Menzies) giving his honest reaction to her latest book.

Showtimes:

Friday, June 9 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 11 at 7:30 pm

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <https://pentangle-arts.square.site/movie-tickets>.