

Maestro Durbin returning for 2nd concert of Symphony's 12th season

SUBMITTED CONTENT

Dr. Terry Durbin, outgoing principal conductor of the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra, is returning to conduct the traditional Hometown Holiday performance on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

Durbin recently stepped down for health reasons after leading the Orchestra for six seasons. A search is under way for his successor.

“We are very pleased that Terry will be conducting our holiday concert as a farewell gesture after his wonderful service to the Orchestra over the last several years,” said Dr. Craig Burrows, chair of the Symphony’s Board of Directors.

The holiday concert traditionally has been presented on Saturday night during Morehead’s Hometown Holiday Celebration but was moved to Sunday afternoon this year to resolve a scheduling conflict involving key members of the Orchestra.

This concert historically has been a free event for all ages. However, starting last year, adult audience members are encouraged to make voluntary contributions at the door in the spirit of “Give What You Can” in this season of giving to help with the Orchestra’s average operating costs of about \$17,000 per concert.

The innovative search for a new principal conductor opened its tryout phase at the season-opening concert on Sunday, Oct. 26. Kyle Elgarten of Miami, Florida, was the guest conductor.

The search is paused until the third concert of the season on Sunday, Feb. 22, themed as “Tutu Terrific.” The second finalist in the conductor search, Joshua Shepherd of Nashville, Tennessee, will be the guest conductor.

His conducting will be evaluated by audience members and orchestra musicians in the same manner as the opening concert.

“We were very pleased with the number of audience members and musicians who responded to our evaluation forms after the opening concert,” said Dr. Lori Baruth, search chair. “Demonstrated expertise is a critical factor in our search.”

Dr. Baruth is principal clarinet for the Cave Run Symphony and serves as chair of the Artistic Advisory Committee, which is responsible for orchestra programming and music personnel.

The orchestra’s website is caverunsymphony.org. Telephone messages are processed at (606) 784-9894.

Elks Lodge serves 2,500 meals for Thanksgiving

STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND The 34th annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Ashland Elks Lodge featured a large turnout with plenty of

meals served.

According to social media accounts of those involved in the event, the Elks dished out around 2,500 meals — including dine-in, takeout and delivery dinners.

The meals consisted of turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll and a dessert.

The Elks also collected more than \$3,000 in donations that will go

back to the community in various capacities.

The dinner is funded largely by donations from an anonymous donor and several local businesses.

Police search for shooter after 4 killed in shooting in California

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) Authorities asked the public for tips Sunday in finding the person responsible for a shooting that left four people dead, three of them children, at a birthday party at a banquet hall in California in which many others were wounded.

Heather Brent, a spokesperson for the San Joaquin County sheriff’s office, said the children killed in Saturday’s shooting were ages 8, 9 and 14. She said a 21-year-old also was killed in the attack during the party in the city of Stockton.

“This was a birthday party for a young child, and the fact that this happened is absolutely heartbreaking,” Brent said at a news briefing Sunday at the site.

The sheriff’s spokesperson said the search continues for possible suspects. No arrests have been made.

Faith leaders in the Stockton area were planning a Sunday afternoon vigil to honor the dead and pray for the 11 people who were wounded.

Local officials pleaded with the public for help. Detectives also were still working to identify a possible motive.

“If you have any information as to this individual, reach out immediately. If you are this individual, turn yourself in immediately,”



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investigators examine the scene of a mass shooting in Stockton, Calif., Sunday.

ly,” San Joaquin County District Attorney Ron Freitas said.

The shooting occurred just before 6 p.m. inside the hall, which shares a parking lot with other businesses. Stockton is a city of 320,000 about 40 miles south of Sacramento.

Jason Lee, vice mayor and city council member, also said the hall was hosting a child’s birthday party, according to his Facebook post.

“This is Thanksgiving weekend. This is when families come together, celebrate, share memories, give each other love,” Mayor Christina Fugazi said. “Unfortunately tonight, heaven is a little

bigger with the individuals, children and adults that unfortunately did not make it.”

Fugazi recalled a shooting several years ago in which “seven people were gunned down” in the city, adding that both attacks were “unacceptable.”

“Stockton is better than this,” she said.

Authorities did not immediately provide additional information about the conditions of the victims.

“Families should be together instead of at the hospital, standing next to their loved one, praying that they survive,” Fugazi said

Lawmakers voice support for congressional reviews of strikes on boats

WASHINGTON (AP)

Lawmakers from both parties said Sunday they support congressional reviews of U.S. military strikes against vessels suspected of smuggling drugs in the Caribbean Sea and eastern Pacific Ocean, citing a published report that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth issued a verbal order for all crew members to be killed as part of a Sept. 2 attack.

The lawmakers said they did not know whether last week’s Washington Post report was true, and some Republicans were skeptical, but they said attacking survivors of an initial missile strike poses serious legal concerns.

“This rises to the level of a war crime if it’s true,” said Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va.

Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio, when asked about a follow-up strike aimed at people no longer able to fight, said Congress does not have information that happened. He noted that leaders of the Armed Services Committee in both the House and Senate have opened investigations.

“Obviously, if that occurred, that would be very serious and I agree that that would be an illegal act,” Turner said.

Turner said there are concerns in Congress about the attacks on vessels that the Trump administration says are transporting drugs, but

the allegations regarding the Sept. 2 attack “is completely outside anything that has been discussed with Congress and there is an ongoing investigation.”

The comments from lawmakers during news show appearance come as the administration escalates a campaign to combat drug trafficking into the U.S. On Saturday, Republican President Donald Trump said the airspace “above and surrounding” Venezuela should be considered as “closed in its entirety,” an assertion that raised more questions about the U.S. pressure on Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro’s government accused Trump of making a “colonial threat” and seeking to undermine the South American country’s sovereignty.

After the Post’s report, Hegseth said Friday on X that “fake news is delivering more fabricated, inflammatory, and derogatory reporting to

discredit our incredible warriors fighting to protect the homeland.”

“Our current operations in the Caribbean are lawful under both U.S. and international law, with all actions in compliance with the law of armed conflict—and approved by the best military and civilian lawyers, up and down the chain of command,” Hegseth wrote.

Republican Sen. Roger Wicker of Mississippi, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and its top Democrat, Rhode Island Sen. Jack Reed, said in a joint statement late Friday that the committee “will be conducting vigorous oversight to determine the facts related to these circumstances.”

That was followed Saturday with the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Republican Rep. Mike Rogers of Alabama, and ranking Democratic member, Washington Rep. Adam Smith, issuing a joint statement saying the panel was committed to “providing rigorous oversight of the Department of Defense’s military operations in the Caribbean.”

“We take seriously the reports of follow-on strikes on boats alleged to be ferrying narcotics in the SOUTHCOM region and are taking bipartisan action to gather a full accounting of the operation in question,” Rogers and Smith said, referring to U.S. Southern Command.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Greenup County School District is currently accepting applications for District 1 and District 4 School Board Vacancies. Applications can be accessed through the Greenup County Schools Website under the career opportunities tab.

Published: November 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 & December 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2025

HOW TO REACH US

Daily Independent

1544 Winchester Avenue,
Suite 600
Ashland, KY 41101-7606

ONLINE:
dailyindependent.com

Business hours:

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
weekdays

Phone:

(606) 326-2600
(800) 955-5860

Advertising:

(606) 326-2619
kpratt@dailyindependent.com

Delivery issues and

subscription information:
(606)326-2674

customerservice@dailyindependent.com

Newsroom:

News: (606) 326-2664
Sports: (606) 326-2658
asnyder@dailyindependent.com

Daily Independent ISSN 0744-6837 Copyright © 2020 by CNHI, LLC 1544 Winchester Avenue, Suite 600 Ashland, Ky. 41101 is published Daily except for Tuesday and Sunday and Christmas Day or 259 issues per year by CNHI, LLC. Business, Editorial, Accounting and Circulations offices: Daily Independent, 1544 Winchester Avenue, Suite 600 Ashland, Ky. 41101. Call 606-326-2674 to subscribe. Periodicals Postage Paid at Ashland, Kentucky. **POSTMASTER:** Send address change to Daily Independent, P.O. Box 311, Ashland, KY 41105-0311.



INFORMED

When your local school board is going to meet to discuss the safety of your children, you need your community newspaper to keep you informed.

Fight to keep public notices public!

Remain aware of decisions being made in your community.

DON'T FIND OUT TOO LATE!

Public notices in newspapers help ensure open government by informing citizens about meetings, taxes, projects up for bid, and other important local and state activities. Without them, the public’s ability to access accurate records and hold government accountable would be greatly diminished.

THE DAILY
Independent