

### The Waterbury Symphony

On Thursday October 18, 2007 the Waterbury Symphony performed at the Palace Theatre. They were amazing. Before the performance began, I interviewed several members of the audience. Everyone said they loved music and were looking forward to the concert.

The Waterbury Symphony performed thirteen songs, including the interactive song "Mombo." "Mombo" was a fun and interesting song that included everyone by getting them to shout Mombo! The other songs included the Intro to West Side Story, excerpts from Beethoven's classical 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> symphonies, Orpheus and the Underworld, rousing marching music, the beautiful Brass City Ballet's Blue Danube Waltz and the Waterbury Symphony's Syncopated Clock.

Also included were "I Want To Be In America"" from West Side Story and a song titled "Cuckoo" that was contributed by students from Rotella School. Additionally, the Waterbury Symphony played "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Gonna Swing", an excerpt from William Tell Overture, The Iron Foundry and the 1812 Overture. The 1812 Overture captured the story of the great battle between the Russian Army and the French. The French National Anthem is included in the song. The Russians won and the French had run away.

After the concert, I interviewed the Conductor. He said he knew he wanted to be a Conductor when he conducted for the first time in sixth grade back at Dya Middle School in Flint, MI. He explained, "It was like being struck by lightning". From that moment on he knew what he wanted to do the rest of his life. The enjoyable performance was proof that he had made a wise decision.

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