

Testimonial from the Honorable Victor DeLuca:

As Maplewood's Mayor, I was honored and privileged to narrate selections of Abraham Lincoln's speeches in the Society of Musical Arts performance of Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" at the Maplewood Middle School on October 30th. The concert pieces corresponding to the theme of "To Liberty and Justice" were inspiring and Lincoln's words remind us of our rights and responsibilities as citizens in these days before our upcoming election.

During the week before the concert, I was able to rehearse with the conductor, Steve Culbertson, and with the orchestra. The experience gave me a deep appreciation for the hard work and dedication of these musicians who present this wonderful music within our community without charge. We in the Maplewood/South Orange community are lucky to have SOMA presenting accessible classical and contemporary music in our midst. I encourage the people of Maplewood and surrounding communities to support the orchestra by attending concerts and contributing financial resources to help the orchestra continue to present these exceptional concerts and expand the audience.

Mayor Victor DeLuca
Maplewood, New Jersey
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