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Westfield High School Prom, May 31 — Photo courtesy of Charlie Bowman

## Arts & Entertainment

### Flying With Martha Stewart, Into Hurricanes, Amidst Nightmares and Delays

By FRED T. ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Summer Travel Series

Every airplane flight, it seems, has a story—besides the food or the obnoxious person seated next to you. Remember the good old days when

you could leave your car right in front of the terminal while you went inside to meet an arriving friend or relative? I recall the time when I raced like a maniac through the West Palm Beach airport to catch a soon-to-depart flight

while carrying a bottle of vodka in one hand and a baseball bat I had swiped from the Mets spring training camp in the other—and no one looked twice at me.

Or the time when I brazenly parked my car at National Airport in Washington, D.C. in a space reserved for Supreme Court Justices while I dashed inside to meet someone.

I have had only a few celebrity encounters in all my years of flying. Chevy Chase was on my L.A.-to-Newark flight a few years back and was perfectly pleasant. I once saw odious Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell cut in on a long line for snacks at the Miami airport in 2007. But, by far, the celebrity encounter that takes the cake for me was in 1996.

I was at Newark Airport preparing to get on a flight and witnessed pre-prison Martha Stewart loudly upbraiding one of her underlings for misplacing Martha's frequent flier card or something. Once we boarded, she headed to first class while her two harried assis-

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### NJFO Season Finale Highlights Mahler's Subtleties and Dynamic Contrasts

By MICHAEL ROSIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

On Saturday night, the New Jersey Festival Orchestra paired up with Harmonium Choral Society to take on Mahler's second symphony for its season finale, "Rebirth and Renewal".

The symphony, known as the "Resurrection" Symphony, calls for a huge orchestra, organ, two soloists, and large chorus, making it one of the most ambitious concerts the NJ Festival Orchestra has ever performed. It is, notoriously, one of the most difficult masterworks to perform and conduct, and a many of the subtleties and dynamic contrasts are difficult to highlight, especially in the sanctuary of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, an acoustic not designed for large symphonic works.

Despite all of this, the execution was a complete success. Maestro David Wroe's attention to detail, pristine clarity, and emotional contrast in every gesture are exactly what a proper performance of a Mahler symphony needs. This score (which Maestro Wroe conducted from memory, I might add), like every other score by Mahler, has an incredible amount of detail on every page. It is the height of German Romanticism, which

needs a specific presentation, and Mr. Wroe was very sensitive to that. His tempi honored the cultural traditions of the work while also providing a new interpretation.

By dictating each note in certain areas (that is, conducting each note), like the dramatic chromatic scale at the end of the first movement, he helped audience members easily digest the manic parts of the almost

two-hour long piece. His poise and face changed with every heightened catharsis of the music.

Maestro Wroe danced along with panache during the inner movements, and distended his arms with the tension of the outer movements – he personified the music.

For practical reasons, the size of the orchestra had to be reduced. Per-

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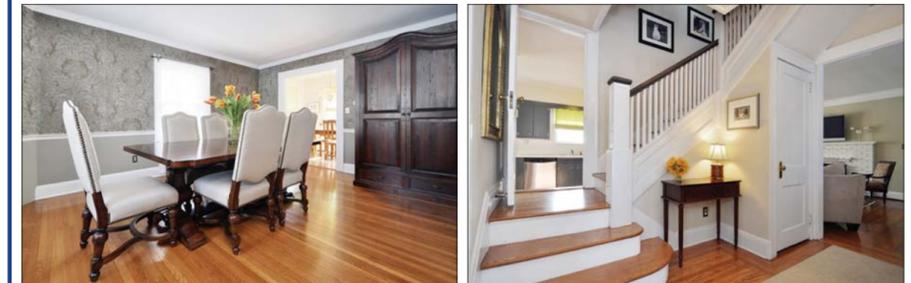
BRAVO!..New Jersey Festival Orchestra's magnificent season finale presentation of Mahler's colossal Resurrection Symphony featured over 70 players and a double choir of 120 voices resulting in multiple ovations and encores on Saturday night at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.



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