

THE NEW YORK POPS

A DIFFERENT KIND OF ORCHESTRA

Notes on the Program

by Steven Reineke, Music Director

Friday, January 28, 2011, 8:00PM, Carnegie Hall

I am so delighted to be bringing legendary trumpeter Doc Severinsen back to the stage of Carnegie Hall. With a career spanning over six decades, Doc is going strong with performances in concert halls, television appearances and conducting engagements throughout North America and beyond. As a young trumpet player growing up in rural Ohio, I remember staying up late at night just to watch Doc on *The Tonight Show* when he was the bandleader under Johnny Carson. I idolized the man for his playing as well as his flamboyant outfits and personality. Little did I know at the time that he would eventually become one of my dear friends. We first met in 1995 when he was performing with the Cincinnati Pops and my mentor, Erich Kunzel. We quickly hit it off and I began to write arrangements for him from time to time. His talent, work ethic, and warm personality have always inspired me.

A few years ago, Doc moved to Mexico where he found a true love of Latin music. He began "sitting in" with a band that played mariachi and samba music at an Italian restaurant. Before they knew it, he had formed a new group to perform with symphony orchestras around the world. Tonight we spice up a brisk January evening with sizzling Latin flair. Be prepared to be blown away by Doc Severinsen and the San Miguel 5 as they join The New York Pops in a tour of Latin America and beyond!



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