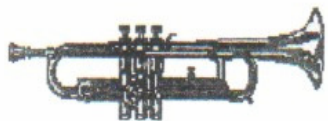


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News from the  
BUTLER COUNTY  
*Symphony*  
ORCHESTRA

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## 61st season to tell a story— “The Dream of America”

Travel along with the Butler County Symphony Orchestra as we make the journey from the “Old World” to the “New,” accompanying the immigrants who came to America with their dreams, talents, and cultural heritage. This season explores their influences and contributions to “American” music.

### October 10, 2009 Coming to America

The season begins with folk music of Germany, Austria and Italy. These folk songs were melodies with which our ancestors would have been familiar as they dreamed of a better life and melodies they brought with them as they arrived in the new country.

We then perform a new multi-media composition by Peter Boyer, “Ellis Island, The Dream of America.” With overhead slides projected of historic Ellis Island, and with seven actors from the Butler Little Theatre reciting the emotional words of actual people entering America through Ellis Island, the music brings to life the experience of fulfilling the dream of coming to America. The actors portray immigrants from Poland, Greece, Italy, Hungary, Belgium, Ireland, and Russia. They arrived between the years 1910 and 1940 and were from ages 4 to 30.



“Ellis Island, The Dream of America” establishes the theme that is explored throughout our 61<sup>st</sup> Season.

Helping to set this theme, the Butler County Genealogical Society collaborates with a lobby display featuring stories of relatives of Butler County families who immigrated through Ellis Island.