

**Leroy Anderson Day  
June 29, 2008  
Woodbury, Connecticut**

**State of Connecticut  
By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell,  
Governor: an Official Statement**



▲ **Leroy Anderson, Woodbury, Connecticut**

*On behalf of the State of Connecticut,  
I M. Jodi Rell, Governor,  
take great pleasure in recognizing  
the Centennial of  
Leroy Anderson  
on June 29, 2008.*

Leroy Anderson, well-known composer and conductor who was born in 1908 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Swedish immigrant parents, first came to Woodbury with his wife Eleanor and his children in 1949, after which he wrote many pieces of symphonic music which have become known throughout the world.

His contributions to American music have been recognized during his Centenary by symphony orchestras and concert bands in cities and towns all across the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, and Asia. Tributes to Leroy Anderson have been made by a wide range of musical ensembles which include some of the world's finest symphony orchestras, military bands, college bands, community orchestras, choirs and ballet companies.

Through his popular musical compositions, Leroy Anderson has made a significant contribution to the performing arts in the United States and around the world. His music has brought happiness to millions of listeners. These compositions, many of which the composer wrote during the 25 years that he lived in Woodbury until his death in 1975, have come to express the optimism so often associated with the people of the United States.

On the 100th anniversary of the birth of Leroy Anderson, more than 50 years after he wrote some of his most famous compositions, this musician who called Woodbury, Connecticut his home, has firmly established his place in history as a great American composer.

**Therefore, I,  
M. Jodi Rell,  
Governor of the State of Connecticut,  
do hereby officially proclaim  
June 29, 2008  
as  
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**Proclamation by the  
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