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Chicago Bulls College Prep Students Perform Alongside Chicago Philharmonic Musicians Through Chi Phil AMP

Chicago, IL – (December 9, 2016) This fall, UIC College Prep High School and Chicago Bulls College Prep High School have been added to the roster of schools included in The Chicago Philharmonic Society’s Chi Phil AMP (Academy of Music Performance) program. Both public schools serve a highly diverse student population on Chicago’s near west side.

Chi Phil AMP gives students the opportunity to learn from Chicago Philharmonic Society musicians in a comprehensive, six-week mentorship program. The program includes master classes, side-by-side rehearsals, and a side-by-side performance before fellow students, teachers, and community members. Also included in the program is the opportunity for students and their families to attend a Chicago Philharmonic symphonic concert together.

Since mid-November, five musicians from the Chicago Philharmonic have been closely mentoring twenty-five chamber orchestra students from Chicago Bulls College Prep. Their efforts will culminate in a side-by-side concert held on December 13 at 6 PM in the school auditorium (2040 W Adams St, Chicago). The concert will feature selections from Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite, with performances by the “side-by-side” orchestra and chamber arrangements performed by the Chicago Philharmonic musicians.

Chi Phil AMP programs will continue at Old Orchard Junior High in Skokie, and master classes will be offered at Chicago Academy for the Arts (CAA) and Music Institute of Chicago (MIC). Support for Chi Phil AMP is provided by the Charles and M. R. Shapiro Foundation and Mathew Lucante Violins. Full support for the programs at CAA and MIC is provided by Judy Guitelman and Dan Epstein, and the Dan J. Epstein Family Foundation.

About The Chicago Philharmonic Society

The Chicago Philharmonic Society is a collaboration of over 200 of the highest-level classical musicians performing in the Chicago metropolitan area. Governed under a groundbreaking structure of musician leadership, the Society presents concerts at venues throughout the Chicago area that cover the full spectrum of classical music, from Bach to Britten and beyond. The Society’s orchestra, known simply as the Chicago Philharmonic, has been called “one of the country’s finest symphonic orchestras” (Chicago Tribune), and its unique chamber
music ensembles, which perform as the Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players (cp²), draw from its vast pool of versatile musicians. The Society’s outreach programs connect Chicago-area youth to classical music and provide performance opportunities for members of the community. Founded 26 years ago by principal musicians from the Lyric Opera Orchestra, the Chicago Philharmonic currently serves as the official orchestra of the Joffrey Ballet, continues its decades-long association with the Ravinia Festival, and presents symphonic concerts in Chicago’s North Shore region and, since May 2016, at the Harris Theater.

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