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Chi Phil AMP’s Third Year at Old Orchard Junior High Culminates in Side-by-Side Concerts

Chicago, IL – (February 17, 2017) Early this year, Chi Phil AMP (Academy of Music Performance) served Old Orchard Junior High in Skokie, IL for the third year in a row. 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 January, 18 musicians from the Chicago Philharmonic have been working with over 200 orchestra and band students from Old Orchard Junior High. Their efforts culminated in two side-by-side concerts held on February 14 and 15 at 7 pm at the school (Kenton Avenue, Skokie, IL.) Concert highlights included the band playing selections from West Side Story, and a particularly enthusiastic orchestral rendition of Uptown Funk.

Chi Phil AMP program provided mentorship and side-by-side rehearsals and performances at three schools in 2016-2017, 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 21-year association with the Ravinia Festival, and presents symphonic concerts in Chicago’s North Shore region and, beginning in May 2016, at the Harris Theater.