To our Musicians, Patrons, Sponsors, and Staff:

Chicago Philharmonic recognizes the importance of Juneteenth and how strongly its celebration resonates during this time of national unrest. Today honors the importance of African American freedom, but also calls for us to take time for self-reflection and re-invest our commitment to equality. In honor of Juneteenth, we at Chicago Philharmonic want to reiterate: **Black Lives Matter. Black Equity Matters. Black Music Matters.**

Chicago Philharmonic has always strived to be a safe space for musicians, music lovers, patrons, and employees. Chicago Philharmonic remains committed to improving our practices in diversity, inclusion, and equity to embrace our egalitarian, musician-governed society that we value so deeply. We have made our music community more inclusive and have been more active in seeking prospective Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) musicians, board, and employees.

We acknowledge that we still have more work to do in our music community. We are committed to doing better. We are committed to dismantling racism in classical music and creating a more inclusive and diverse celebration of classical music for all.

This work is now more urgent than ever. As we evolve, we will take the best of our existing practices and learn new ways to serve our community and our city.

Sincerely,

#BlackLivesMatter #BlackMusicMatters
#BlackEquityMatters #BIPOCartists #BIPOClivesmatter