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Chicago Philharmonic heads to South Shore Cultural Center for Second Annual Holiday-themed Community Concert

Chicago, IL - (December 7 2018) After yet another summer of record participation, Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic will perform for the second time at South Shore Cultural Center on December 16 2018 for a holiday community concert with guest conductor Emanuele Andrizzi. The program, presented as a part of the Chicago Park District’s Night Out in the Parks initiative, invites students and community members to play alongside professional Chicago Philharmonic musicians in a series of free, public concerts in Chicago's beautiful parks. Joining the orchestra and community members for this special holiday concert will be members of the Hyde Park Youth Symphony, bringing together diverse young musicians from the South side of Chicago.

Playing a wide variety of holiday favorites, including Christmas Eve/Sarajevo as performed by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, L. Richman’s Hanukkah Festival Overture, and excerpts from Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker, community members of all ages and backgrounds will join together with professional musicians to create an exceptional concert experience. The concert will conclude with an old-fashioned holiday sing-along with the orchestra. This is the fourth year of Chicago Philharmonic’s “Side by Side” program, and the second annual holiday-themed concert of this kind. The 2017 Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic holiday concert at Garfield Park Conservatory was an unprecedented success, with nearly 150 registered musicians and over 700 audience members attending. Chicago Philharmonic anticipates another popular, accessible holiday concert enjoyed by people of all backgrounds, abilities, and ages.

This marks the organization’s second Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic concert at South Shore Cultural Center, located on the lakeshore in Chicago’s South Shore neighborhood. The magnificent building, which was built in 1905 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, represents an important cultural change in Chicago in the 20th century. Once a race-restricted country club, the building and grounds were later bought by the Chicago Park District and turned into a public, inclusive center for all with access to one of Chicago’s most beautiful beaches. The building later famously hosted Barack and Michelle Obama’s wedding reception in 1992.

Sunday, December 16
South Shore Cultural Center
7059 S South Shore Drive
Rehearsal 1:15pm
Free concert 4:00pm

Leroy Anderson Sleigh Ride
Lucas Richman Hanukkah Festival Overture
Christmas Eve/Sarajevo as performed by Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Felix Bernard Winter Wonderland
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Selections from The Nutcracker Suite
Leroy Anderson A Christmas Festival
About The Chicago Philharmonic Society

The Chicago Philharmonic Society is a collaboration of 300 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, 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 at Harris Theater in downtown Chicago.

About Night Out in the Parks

Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic is presented as part of the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks series, supported by Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Arts programming in neighborhoods across the city advances the goals of the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Cultural Plan. Now in its fifth year, the 2017 Night Out in the Parks series will host over 1,000 cultural events and programs at more than 250 neighborhood parks throughout the city, making community parks a safe haven and hubs of activity. Projects will vary from traditional performances and concerts, to movies, peace rallies, community workshops, nature based programs, dance pieces, festivals, and more. The Chicago Park District has partnered with more than 100 arts and community organizations to expand and produce this successful initiative.

About Hyde Park Youth Symphony

The Hyde Park Youth Symphony brings together diverse students from the south side of Chicago and beyond to provide a high-quality musical performance experience and education as a training ground for the next generation of performers, educators, and advocates of music and the arts. The Hyde Park Youth Symphony (HPYS) is dedicated to providing a high-quality arts experience to youth on the South side of Chicago and nurturing in them a love for music that will last a lifetime. The HPYS serves a broad range of young people and families, from a variety of public, private, and homeschool programs, and from a diversity of racial, ethnic, educational, and economic backgrounds.

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