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Chicago Phil kicks off a summer of music with Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic at Humboldt Park

Chicago, IL – (June 13 2019) Hot off the heels of its popular, critically-acclaimed 2018-2019 symphonic season, Chicago Phil (named 2019 Community Relations of the Year by the Illinois Council of Orchestras) announces its fifth summer of Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic, presented as part of the Chicago Park District and Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s Night Out in the Parks series. Chicago Philharmonic will once again bring music opportunities to student and community members across the city of Chicago through this signature community engagement program, which encourages diverse musicians of all ages and backgrounds to rehearse and perform alongside Chicago Phil’s world-class musicians in Chicago’s beautiful parks.

Chicago Phil is proud to present a program with works representing different cultural neighborhoods from the richly diverse city of Chicago. Highlights include works by Mexican composer Arturo Márquez (representing Pilsen), Italian composer Pietro Mascagni (Little Italy), African American composer William Grant Still (representing Chicago’s African American community), Polish composer Frédéric Chopin (representing Chicago’s Polish community), and a traditional Chinese piece Dance of the Golden Snake (representing Chinatown). The program for each concert will be as follows:

- **Strauss** Also sprach Zarathustra, Introduction
- **Chopin/Glazunov** Polonaise from Chopiniana
- **Bartok** Romanian Folk Dances
- **Brahms** Symphony No. 4, Movt. 3
- **Mascagni** Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana
- **Traditional** Dance of the Golden Snake
- **Grant Still** Symphony No. 1 in A-flat Movt. 1
- **Arturo Márquez** Danzon No. 2
- **Tchaikovsky** 1812 Overture Finale
- **Sousa** Stars and Stripes Forever

The summer series kicks off at scenic Humboldt Park Boathouse on Friday, June 21 in partnership with Make Music Chicago, connecting Chicago to 800 cities in 120 countries across the globe in celebration of the summer solstice.
Friday, June 21
Humboldt Park Boathouse
1301 N Sacramento Ave
3-5pm – side-by-side rehearsal
6pm – free side-by-side concert

Since the Chicago Philharmonic launched Side by Side in 2015, the program has been received enthusiastically by participants and audience members alike and has steadily expanded. Summer 2019 brings five free concerts to five Chicago parks:

June 21: Humboldt Park Boathouse (1301 N Humboldt Drive, Humboldt Park)
June 29: Ping Tom Memorial Park (1700 S Wentworth Avenue, Chinatown)
July 28: Columbus Park Refectory (5701 W Jackson Blvd, Austin)
   August 3: Hamilton Park (513 W. 72nd Street, Englewood)
   August 17: Pottawatomie Park (7340 N Rogers Ave, Rogers Park)

Spots for community musicians and student musicians as young as 8 are available on a first come, first serve basis. Registration is required at http://www.chicagophilharmonic.org/2018-side-by-side-with-the-chicago-philharmonic-registration/

Images, interviews, and review tickets available upon request.

ABOUT THE CHICAGO PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

The Chicago Philharmonic Society is a collaboration of nearly 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 Bernstein 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 nearly 30 years ago, the Chicago Philharmonic currently serves as the official orchestra of the Joffrey Ballet, continues its 25-year association with the Ravinia Festival, is a resident company of Harris Theater Chicago, and performs at Auditorium Theater, Symphony Center and all the great concert halls of the Chicago and North Shore area. In 2018, the Illinois Council of Orchestras awarded the Chicago Philharmonic "Orchestra of the Year". In 2019, the Illinois Council of Orchestras
awarded the Chicago Philharmonic with “Programming of the Year” and “Community Relations of the Year”.

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 Lori Lightfoot. Arts programming in neighborhoods across the city advances the goals of the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Cultural Plan. Now in its seventh year, the 2019 Night Out in the Parks series will host over 2000 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 MAKE MUSIC CHICAGO

The International Music Foundation is proud to present Make Music Chicago. Every June 21st, Make Music Chicago brings together Chicagoans to celebrate their ability to make music, regardless of age, ability or preferred musical style.

Unlike a typical music festival, Make Music Chicago is open to anyone who wants to take part. Every kind of musician—young and old, amateur and professional—takes to the streets, parks, plazas, and porches of Chicago to share music of all genres with friends, neighbors and strangers. All of it is free and open to the public.

Based on the French Fête de la Musique, Make Music Chicago was first presented in 2011. Chicago joins 800 cities in 120 countries across the globe, making the Fête de la Musique the world’s largest single day music festival. Make Music Chicago is also a member of the Make Music Alliance, connecting Chicago with over 60 other U.S. cities in celebrating this day of music.

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