IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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

Chicago, IL - (November 20 2019) After yet another summer of record participation, Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic will perform for the third time at South Shore Cultural Center on December 1 2019 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.

Community members of all ages and backgrounds will join together with professional musicians to create an exceptional concert experience, playing 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. This is the fifth year of Chicago Philharmonic’s “Side by Side” program, and the third annual holiday-themed concert of this kind.

This marks the organization’s fourth 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 1
South Shore Cultural Center
7059 S South Shore Drive
Rehearsal 1:15-3:15pm
Free concert 4pm

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 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 community engagement programs connect Chicago-area youth to classical music and provide performance opportunities for members of the community. Founded 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 initiative. Arts programming in neighborhoods across the city advances the goals of the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Cultural Plan. Projects 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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