FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Chi Phil Presents *Side by Side* This Columbus Day Weekend
For the First Time at Piotrowski Park

Chicago, IL – (September 17 2018) After a summer of unprecedented popularity, *Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic* returns for the Columbus Day long weekend at Piotrowski Park, presented as a part of the Chicago Park District’s *Night Out in the Parks* series. Chi Phil is proud to bring this unique music opportunity to students and community musicians of all ages across the city of Chicago once again through this signature outreach program, in which community musicians rehearse and perform free concerts alongside Chi Phil’s world-class musicians in Chicago’s beautiful parks. In summer 2018, over 400 community musicians registered to rehearse and perform in parks in Chicago’s west and south side neighborhoods, reaching over 1200 audience members.

Piotrowski Park is located in Little Village on Chicago’s south side. The vibrant, diverse neighborhood has been home to many waves of immigrants since the 19th century and is now called “La Villita” by the area’s many Latino community members. This side-by-side concert is a part of Chicago Philharmonic’s larger mission to bring exciting, affordable music experiences to Chicago’s south and west sides.

The side-by-side orchestra will perform works by composers such as Florence Price, musical prodigy and key figure in the Chicago Black Renaissance, as well as Manuel de Falla, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, John Williams, and more. Students and community musicians will rehearse with the orchestra and guest conductor Emanuele Andrizzi at 2:00pm, followed by a free concert at 5:00pm. Participation and audience attendance is free and open to the public. The program is as follows:

**Key:** Star Spangled Banner
**Williams:** Star Wars Suite: Main Title
**De Falla:** Danza Española
**Anderson:** Fiddle Faddle
**Mascagni:** Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana
**Brahms:** Symphony No. 4, Mvmt 3
**Price:** Symphony No. 1, Mvmt 3
**Sousa:** Liberty Bell March
**Tchaikovsky:** 1812 Overture Finale
**Sousa:** Stars and Stripes Forever
Saturday, October 6  
Piotrowski Park Fieldhouse  
4247 W 31st Street  
2:00–4:00pm – side-by-side rehearsal  
5:00pm – 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. 2018 brings six side-by-side concerts across Chicago. Chi Phil will present Side by Side with the Chicago Philharmonic at South Shore Cultural Center with a holiday-themed program on December 16.

Spots for community musicians 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

Images, interviews and review tickets available upon request.

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 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".

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
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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.

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