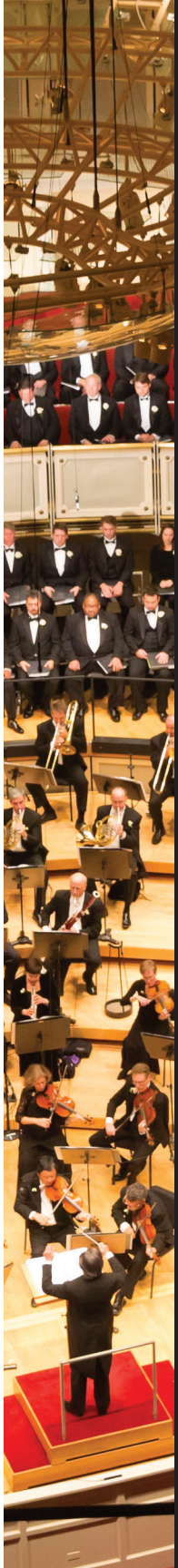
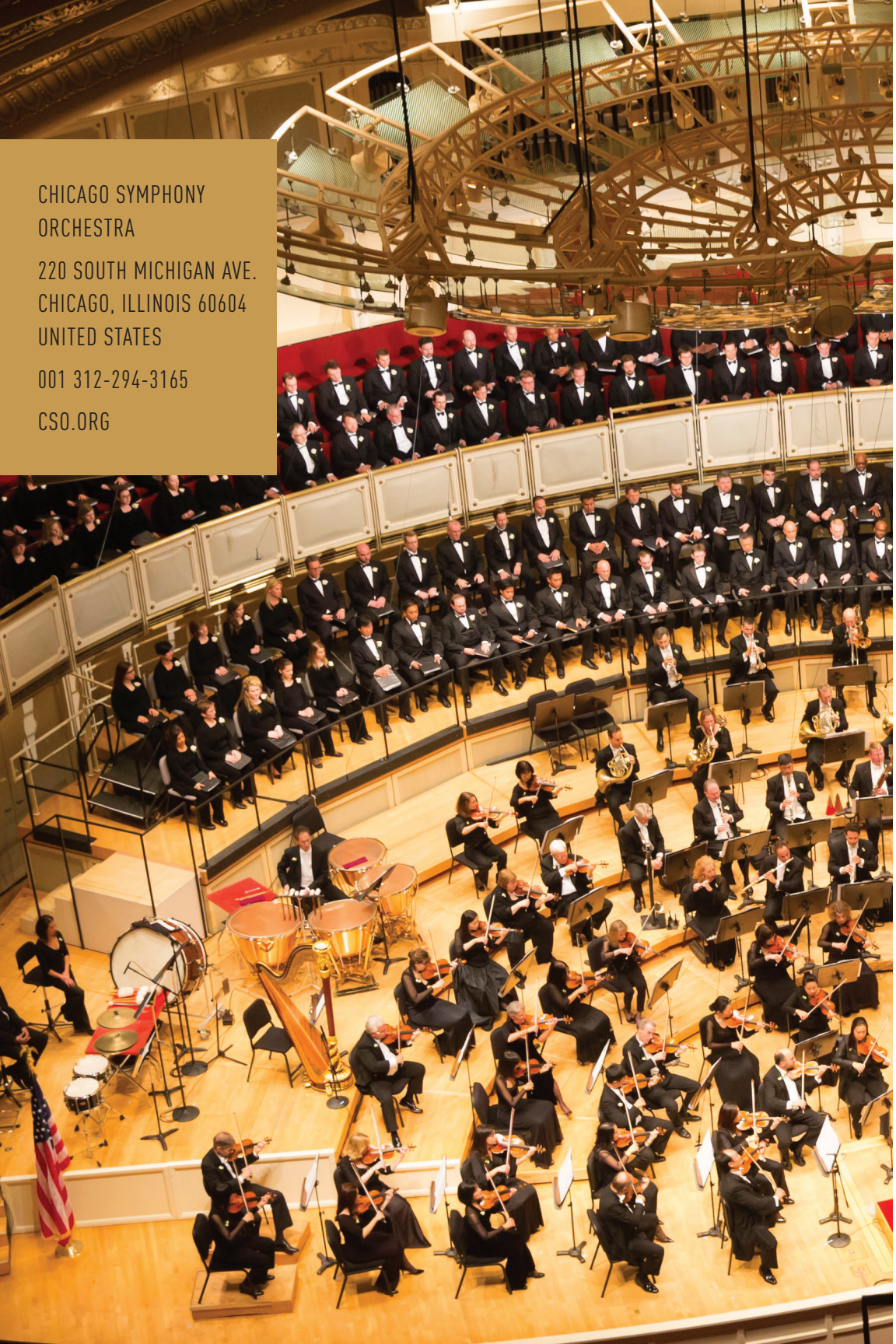


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*The CSO performs at the Shanghai Oriental Art Center in China during the 2019 Asia tour.*

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The Orchestra's innovative and wide-ranging education and engagement programs reach hundreds of thousands of people each year at home and during tours. Each season, the Orchestra reaches an audience of more than 20 million through recordings, radio broadcasts, webcasts, streaming videos, and live performances in Chicago and around the world.

# ENGAGING THE WORLD

*The CSO performs at Vienna Musikverein in Austria during the 2017 European Tour.*

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Riccardo Muti, music director since 2010, stands at the peak of a celebrated career that has endured for more than 5 decades. Through his extraordinary musicianship and exceptional vision, Maestro Muti has led the CSO in creating the latest chapter of its unequaled artistic legacy.

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Riccardo Muti works to bring the music of the CSO to all people, and his leadership continues to bring Chicago's great orchestra to ever-higher levels of achievement and renown.





*Principal Bassoon Keith Buncke talks with patron  
tour participants Lori Julian and Leslie Burns in 2018.*

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