RENOUNED RUSSIAN CONDUCTOR YURI TEMIRKANOV LEADS CSO IN MARCH CONCERTS AT SYMPHONY CENTER AND WHEATON COLLEGE

Pianist Denis Matsuev is Soloist in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 3

March 23, 24, 25 and 26

CHICAGO—Legendary Russian conductor Yuri Temirkanov leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) in four concerts on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 25 at 1:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 26 at 8:00 p.m. Pianist Denis Matsuev is soloist in Rachmaninov’s stirring Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30 on a program that also includes Brahms’ Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73. These concerts mark Matsuev’s subscription concert debut with the CSO.

The CSO presents the March 23 concert in Edman Memorial Chapel in collaboration with Wheaton College, which has been essential in connecting western suburban audiences to the Orchestra for decades. Since the CSO’s first concert appearance in Edman Memorial Chapel in 1960, the Orchestra has appeared at the venue more than 10 times with the most recent appearance taking place in 2010. In a continuation of the CSO’s efforts to reach audiences in Chicago’s western suburbs, the 2016/17 season features a new three-concert series in Edman Memorial Chapel at Wheaton College.

The program opens with Rachmaninov’s Third Piano Concerto which is widely regarded as the composer’s most demanding concerto and a piece that was championed by legendary Russian pianist Vladimir Horowitz. Completing the program is Brahms’ Symphony No. 2, a radiant and bucolic work inspired by the composer’s visit to the Austrian resort town of Pörtschach am Wörthersee.

Yuri Temirkanov is one of the foremost conductors of the 21st century, and a regular guest conductor for top U.S. and international orchestras. Praised for his leadership of the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra since 1988, Temirkanov is also Music Director Emeritus of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, having been Music Director there from 2000 to 2006. Prior to this Temirkanov served as Director of the Kirov Opera and Ballet (now the Mariinsky Theatre) for 12 years. Temirkanov is a champion of the music of his home country Russia, and has made
numerous recordings featuring works by Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky, among others. In 2015, Temirkanov received the “Una vita nella musica” Prize from the Theatro La Fenice and was also appointed Lifetime Honorary Conductor by Rome’s Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia.

Pianist Denis Matsuev is widely recognized as one of the preeminent pianists in the Russian tradition, and a leading interpreter of Rachmaninov. He performs regularly with acclaimed orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic, and numerous others. Matsuev hosts his own series at The Great Hall of Moscow Conservatory, and has led numerous music festivals and educational programs. A critically acclaimed recording artist, Matsuev’s 2015 recording of works by Rachmaninov, Stravinsky, and Shchedrin with the Mariinsky Orchestra received a five-star rating from BBC Music Magazine, as well as an International Classical Music Awards 2016 nomination. Matsuev appears regularly with Yuri Temirkanov and the St. Petersburg Philharmonic.

Tickets for all CSOA-presented concerts can be purchased by phone at 800-223-7114 or 312-294-3000; online at cso.org, or at the Symphony Center box office: 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604.

Discounted student tickets for select concerts can be purchased, subject to availability, online in advance or at the box office on the day of the concert. For group rates, please call 312-294-3040.

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Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Edman Memorial Chapel
501 College Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Yuri Temirkanov, conductor
Denis Matsuev, piano

RACHMANINOV Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30
BRAHMS Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73

Tickets: $45-$65
$15 student tickets available with valid ID
Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Thursday, March 24, 2016, 8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 25, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 26, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

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Yuri Temirkanov, conductor
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RACHMANINOV Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30
BRAHMS Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73

Tickets: $36-$260

Featured Conductor and Soloist:

Yuri Temirkanov
Denis Matsuev

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Founded in 1891, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is consistently hailed as one of the greatest orchestras in the world. Since 2010, the preeminent conductor Riccardo Muti has served as its 10th music director. Yo-Yo Ma is the CSO’s Judson and Joyce Green Creative Consultant, and Samuel Adams and Elizabeth Ogonek are its Mead Composers-in-Residence.

From baroque through contemporary music, the CSO commands a vast repertoire. Its renowned musicians annually perform more than 150 concerts, most at Symphony Center in Chicago and, each summer, at the suburban Ravinia Festival. They regularly tour nationally and internationally. Since 1892, the CSO has made 58 international tours, performing in 29 countries on five continents.

People around the globe listen to weekly radio broadcasts of CSO concerts and recordings on the WFMT radio network and online at cso.org/radio. Recordings by the CSO have earned 62 Grammy Awards, including two in 2011 for Muti’s recording with the CSO and Chorus of Verdi's Messa da Requiem (Muti’s first of four releases with the CSO to date). Find details on these and many other CSO recordings at www.cso.org/resound.

The CSO is part of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, which also includes the Chicago Symphony Chorus (Duain Wolfe, Director and Conductor) and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, a training ensemble for emerging professionals. Through its prestigious Symphony Center Presents series, the CSOA presents guest artists and ensembles from a variety of genres—classical, jazz, world, and contemporary.

The Negaunee Music Institute at the CSO offers community and education programs that annually engage more than 200,000 people of diverse ages and backgrounds. Through the Institute and other activities, including a free annual concert with Muti and the CSO, the CSO is committed to using the power of music to create connections and build community.

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