ACCLAIMED AMERICAN CONDUCTOR JAMES GAFFIGAN IS SPECIAL GUEST AT THE LEAGUE OF THE CSOA’S “FALL IN LOVE WITH MUSIC” LUNCHEON

Tickets on Sale Now

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.

CHICAGO—The League of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) kicks off its 2017/18 season of special events with the eighth annual Fall in Love with Music benefit event on Saturday, October 28, at 10 a.m., at the Union League Club of Chicago (65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago). This year’s program features a conversation with the CSOA’s Vice President of Artistic Programming, Cristina Rocca, and special guest James Gaffigan, acclaimed American conductor and chief conductor of the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra. The program also features a performance by members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) cello section.

James Gaffigan’s participation in the Fall in Love with Music event is a special addition to his October appearances in subscription concerts with the CSO. He will conduct the Orchestra in a program of works by Bernstein, Barber and Rachmaninov at Symphony Center on October 26 and 27. Then he and the orchestra will take the program to the University of Illinois for a performance on October 28 at the Krannert Center.

American conductor James Gaffigan is the Chief Conductor of the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra, as well as Principal Guest Conductor of the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra and the Gürzenich Orchestra in Cologne, a position that was created for him. In addition to these titled positions, Gaffigan has appeared with the London Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de Paris, Vienna Symphoniker, Philadelphia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and Los Angeles Philharmonic. Gaffigan was the first prize winner at the 2004 Sir Georg Solti
International Conducting Competition. He is set to make his Lyric Opera debut in February 2018 with Mozart’s *Così fan tutte*.

*Fall in Love with Music* is chaired this year by CSOA League members Pamela Andrews and Marguerite Guido, both of Hinsdale. All proceeds from this event benefit the CSOA League’s community and educational programs including the School and Senior Docent Programs, Young Artists Competition, Adventures in Music program and Endowed Concert Reception.

The program will kick off the event, followed by a festive luncheon that takes place in the ballroom of the historic Union League Club, approximately four blocks from Symphony Center.

The League of the CSOA’s eighth annual *Fall in Love with Music* event brings together League members, friends and classical music aficionados with CSO guest conductors or artists for an annual fundraiser that supports the CSOA’s artistic, educational and community programs. Previous special guests have included Michael Tilson Thomas, Lady Valerie Solti, Emanuel Ax, Leif Ove Andsnes and Jaap van Zweden.

Tickets for this event—available to League members and the general public—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.

Corporations and other organizations may participate as sponsors or purchase tables for this luncheon. Sponsorships start at $1,000. For more information on the benefits of sponsoring this event, please call Jessica Erickson at 312-294-3198.

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**Union League Club of Chicago**  
65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago

**Saturday, October 28, 2017, 10 a.m.**  
**Fall in Love with Music**  
**James Gaffigan**, conductor  
**Members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Cello Section**

Sponsored by the League of the CSOA

Tickets: $225 through October 6, $250 October 7 and after

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**The League of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association**  
Since 1934, the League of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra has worked behind the scenes to serve and support our renowned symphonic institution. Comprised of nearly 250 men and women, the League offers myriad music education programs for youth and adults alike, creates fundraising events that top the million dollar mark, hosts diverse and elegant salons and seminars and showcases opportunities to meet a global assortment of musicians, conductors, and artists. Whether a concert subscriber, teacher, retiree, program planner, project leader, financial supporter, or all-round volunteer, the League of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association welcomes all volunteers. The world may be getting smaller, but music will always be the universal language—so help spread the word! Be a part of something spectacular and join the League today.
PROGRAMS OF THE LEAGUE span music appreciation, fundraising and education. Our members are passionate ambassadors volunteering through a wide range of activities. Here are just a few of the many programs:

- The signature Fall in Love with Music Luncheon featuring a CSO Guest artist.
- The Annual Musicians’ Luncheon that honors CSO musicians.
- Adventures in Music (AIM) partnership program with school and community organizations that provide access to CSOA educational resources and CSO Family Matinee concerts.
- Docent Program in which a CSOA volunteer prepares students for concert attendance and appreciation of symphonic music.
- Area Engagement Events that provide opportunities for fellowship and audience-building in local Chicago-land communities.
- Young Artists Competition provides student instrumentalists an opportunity to be evaluated by music professionals and the chance to perform on stage with the CSO.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra: www.cso.org and www.csosoundsandstories.org

Founded in 1891, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is consistently hailed as one of the greatest orchestras in the world. Since 2010, the pre-eminent 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 60 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 eight 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 led by Muti, the CSO is committed to using the power of music to create connections and build community.

The CSO is supported by thousands of patrons, volunteers and institutional and individual donors. The CSO’s music director position is endowed in perpetuity by a generous gift from the Zell Family Foundation. The Negaunee Foundation provides generous support in perpetuity for the work of the Negaunee Music Institute.