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**CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
AND SYMPHONY CENTER PRESENTS SPECIAL CONCERTS
FOR 2019/20 SEASON**

**Four Presentations of *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* in Concert to be Performed
by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in June 2020**

**Sixth Annual Chinese New Year Celebration Concert to Feature Traditional
Chinese Music at Symphony Center in January 2020**

**CSO Latino Alliance Celebrates Five Years with Special Presentation of the Film
Redes Featuring a Score by Mexican Composer Silvestre Revueltas**

Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán Returns to Symphony Center in February 2020

**Max Raabe and the Palast Orchester Bring New Program *Dream a Little Dream* to
Symphony Center in April 2020**

CHICAGO—The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) announces additional Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and Symphony Center Presents (SCP) Special Concerts for the 2019/20 season. These Special Concerts are on sale to CSO and SCP subscribers now and to the general public on Friday, August 9, at 10 a.m. Performances take place at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago.

On [Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m.](#), the CSO Latino Alliance celebrates its fifth anniversary with a tribute to the great Mexican composer Silvestre Revueltas. This event includes a rare screening of the film *Redes* (1935), one of the early examples of Mexico's Golden Age of cinema, which combines the talents of a master composer, Silvestre Revueltas,

and a master cinematographer, Paul Strand. Before the film, musicians from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago will perform Revueltas' String Quartet No. 2 (*Magueyes*).

The sixth annual Chinese New Year Celebration observes the Year of the Rat at Symphony Center on [Sunday, January 26, at 3 p.m.](#) This joyful celebration of the Lunar New Year features Chinese performers in unique presentations of traditional music and theatre. Details about the featured performers for the concert will be announced at a later date.

Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán returns to Symphony Center on [Saturday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m.](#) The ensemble is recognized as one of the leading cultural ambassadors for traditional Mexican music. The group gained worldwide attention after recording and touring with Grammy Award-winner Linda Ronstadt, and is also familiar to audiences from their music featured in popular films such as *Transformers* and *Turbo*. Mariachi Vargas continues to engage audiences with their energetic performances that present popular Latin genres in nontraditional ways.

Max Raabe and his Palast Orchester come to Symphony Center on [Wednesday, April 15, at 8 p.m.](#) The debonair singer and his 12-piece ensemble—who have become familiar to American audiences through PBS specials—present a program adapted from their acclaimed new show *Dream a Little Dream*, showcasing popular music from both sides of the Atlantic from the time period between the two World Wars in their signature, suave style.

Conductor Richard Kaufman leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in CSO Special Concert presentations of *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* in Concert on [Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m.](#), [Thursday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m.](#), [Friday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m.](#) and [Saturday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m.](#) In the spectacular climactic sixth episode of the Star Wars saga, Darth Vader readies the second Death Star to unleash the final blow to the Rebel Alliance. Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) joins his droid allies R2-D2 and C-3PO, along with Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher), to free his comrade Han Solo (Harrison Ford), imprisoned by the vile crime lord, Jabba the Hutt. Reunited, the Rebels race to the moon of the planet Endor, where they launch a desperate attack upon the entire Imperial Fleet. But the ultimate battle is between father and son, as Luke faces Darth Vader one last time, for the fate of the galaxy hangs in the balance. The concert features John Williams' iconic, Academy Award-nominated score performed by the CSO to a full-length screening of the film.

Tickets for these 2019/20 Special Concerts go on sale Friday, August 9, at 10 a.m. CSOA subscribers and donors may purchase tickets now. Subscription packages for all 2019/20 CSO and SCP series are also available now.

New this season is a Create Your Own package of film concerts, allowing subscribers to secure the best seats before tickets go on sale to the general public on August 9. Patrons may choose to subscribe to any three of the following concerts and save 10 percent off the single ticket prices: *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* in Concert (November 29–December 1, 2019); *Home Alone* in Concert with Members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (December 6–8, 2019); the Warner Bros. Symphony Orchestra performing **Bugs Bunny at the Symphony 30th Anniversary Edition** (January 18, 2020); *Casablanca* in Concert (March 13 and 15, 2020); *Jurassic Park* in Concert (May 15 and 17, 2020); and *Star Wars: The Return of the Jedi* in Concert (June 24–27, 2020).

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.

Artists, programs and prices are subject to change.

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**Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Latino Alliance**

Thursday, September 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
**Latino Alliance 5th Anniversary Celebration
Musicians of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago**

REVUELTAS String Quartet No. 2 (*Magueyes*)
REVUELTAS *Redes*

Tickets: \$25

**Symphony Center Presents
Special Concert**

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Chinese New Year Celebration

Tickets: \$20-\$80

**Symphony Center Presents
Special Concert**

Saturday, February 15, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán

Tickets: \$35-\$100

**Symphony Center Presents
Special Concert**

Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 8:00 p.m.
**Max Raabe & Palast Orchester
*Dream a Little Dream***

Tickets: \$35-\$85

**Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Special Concerts**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 25, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 26, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
**Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Richard Kaufman, conductor**

WILLIAMS *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* in Concert

Tickets: \$65-\$180

Featured Artists for these Performances:

[Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán](#)
[Max Raabe & Palast Orchester](#)
[Richard Kaufman](#)

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra: www.cso.org and www.csosoundsandstories.org
Founded by Theodore Thomas 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. Missy Mazzoli is Mead Composer-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.