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** MEDIA ALERT **

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES CONCERT CANCELLATIONS DUE TO CURRENT STRIKE BY MUSICIANS OF THE CSO

CSOA-Presented Concerts Scheduled for April 10 to 23 are Canceled or Postponed

CHICAGO –The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) announces that CSOA-presented concerts scheduled to take place from Wednesday, April 10, to Tuesday, April 23, are canceled due to the current strike by musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. These cancellations follow the musicians' decision to reject the Association's last, best and final offer for a new contract on April 8. Specific details about the Association's offer to the CSO musicians can be found in a news release.

CSOA-presented concerts to be canceled or postponed include:

CSO All-Access Chamber concert on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 10</u>, <u>at 7:00 p.m.</u> The free concert at Symphony Center by the CSO Chamber Players featured a program that included Bartók's *Contrasts* and Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*.

CSO subscription concerts on Thursday, April 11, at 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. The program, which was to have been led by guest conductor Emmanuel Krivine, included Berlioz's Roman Carinval Overture and Zemlinsky's The Mermaid, as well as Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 featuring Benjamin Grosvenor as soloist in his CSO debut. The concert featuring this program at the Krannert Center in Urbana, Ill., scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m., is also canceled.

Symphony Center Presents Jazz concert on <u>Friday, April 12, at 8:00 p.m.</u>, showcasing the Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour 60th Anniversary Celebration starring Cécile McLorin Salvant and featuring Melissa Aldana, Yasushi Nakamura, Bria Skonberg, Jamison Ross, and Musical Director Christian Sands.

The public and school performances of Once Upon a Symphony: The Boy and the Violin, A Brazilian folktale, on Saturday, April 13, and Monday, April 15.

Civic Chamber Music concert at Indian Boundary Park on Saturday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m.

Civic Chamber Music concert at the National Museum of Mexican Art on Sunday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m.

Symphony Center Presents Chamber concert on <u>Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m.</u> featuring violinist Midori and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet. The program included violin sonatas by Schuman, Fauré, Debussy and Enescu.

The Latino Alliance 5th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., has been postponed to a future date to be announced. The event was to include a screening of the film *Redes*, as well as a performance by musicians from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago of Revueltas' String Quartet No. 2 (Magueyes).

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago's concert with Mocrep on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m., has been postponed to a future date to be announced.

CSO subscription concerts on Thursday, April 18, at 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at 8:00 p.m., and Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. The program, which was to have been led by guest conductor Fabien Gabel in his CSO debut, included Bartók's Dance Suite and Debussy's *Printemps*, as well as Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2 featuring Emanuel Ax as soloist.

Civic Chamber Music concert at the Zhou B Art Center on Friday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m.

Symphony Center Presents Special concert featuring Zakir Hussain and the Masters of Percussion on Friday, April 19, at 8:00 p.m.

All associated pre-concert special events through Tuesday, April 23, are also canceled. Announcements of cancellations for additional concerts and events that may be affected by the strike will be issued if necessary.

Patrons with tickets to canceled concerts have options including exchanging their tickets into future concerts, donating their tickets or requesting a refund. Additional information is available at <u>cso.org</u> or by calling Patron Services at 312-294-3000.

Additional information related to the current negotiations is available at cso.org/negotiations.