** MEDIA ALERT **

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

CSOA-Presented Concerts Scheduled for April 4 to 9 are Canceled

CHICAGO – The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) announces that CSOA-presented concerts scheduled to take place from Thursday, April 4 to Tuesday, April 9 are canceled due to the current strike by musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

CSOA-presented concerts to be canceled include:

CSO subscription concerts on Thursday, April 4, at 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 6, at 8:00 p.m. The program, which was to have been led by guest conductor Jakub Hrůša, included Dvořák’s Violin Concerto featuring Lisa Batiashvili as soloist, as well as symphonies by Borodin and Shostakovich.

Civic chamber music concert on Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. at the National Museum of Mexican Art. Musicians of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago were to give a free concert at the museum featuring a program of works by Smetana, Bacewicz, and a selection of Scandinavian folk songs arranged by the Danish String Quartet excerpted from their album *Wood Works*.

MusicNOW concert on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Harris Theater titled “Dark With Excessive Bright.” The program was to have featured CSO Principal Percussion Cynthia Yeh and Principal Bass Alexander Hanna in works by Gabriella Smith and Missy Mazzoli, including the world premiere of a new CSO-commissioned arrangement of Mazzoli’s *Dark With Excessive Bright*, as well as works by Mario Diaz de León and Anna Southam.

Symphony Center Presents Special Concert on Tuesday, April 9, at 8:00 p.m. by singer-songwriter Caetano Veloso and his sons Moreno, Zeca and Tom in their program titled *Ofertório*. 
All associated pre-concert special events through Tuesday, April 9 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 cso.org or by calling Patron Services at 312-294-3000.

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

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