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CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION  
ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL CONCERT AND EVENT  
CANCELLATIONS THROUGH JUNE 9

“CSO From Home” Content Keeps Audiences Connected to the Music  
“Music Ahead” Matching Challenge Grant Campaign Launched

CHICAGO—The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) announces that CSOA-presented concerts and events at Symphony Center and at offsite community locations, scheduled through June 9, are canceled in cooperation with ongoing community-wide efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

A listing of the additional, canceled CSOA-presented concerts and events through Tuesday, June 9 is available here. Pre- and post-concert events are also canceled. The CSOA is reviewing opportunities to reschedule affected programs in subsequent seasons.

During this period, when more than 90 live concert performances have been interrupted by the pandemic, audiences can access a “CSO From Home” content hub at cso.org/fromhome to connect with a wide variety of content including personal video messages from musicians of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) which are also being posted regularly on the CSO’s Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube channels. Additional special content available now on “CSO From Home” includes on-demand audio streaming for the new CSO radio series—From the CSO’s Archives: Maestro’s Choice, presented in partnership with WFMT (Chicago’s Classical Music Station)—as well as the CSO’s nationally-syndicated radio series programs and a virtual concert to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. More digital content will continue to come online throughout Spring 2020.

To reduce the significant financial losses for the organization in the 2019/20 season related to the impact of the pandemic, and to sustain life-enriching presentations of classical music for all audiences, the CSOA has launched “Music Ahead,” a new matching challenge grant program created with generous support from leadership gifts from anonymous donors. Through June 30, patrons can make a gift to the Association that will be matched dollar-for-dollar through the “Music Ahead” campaign in support of the CSOA’s commitment to sharing classical music with audiences in Chicago and worldwide. More information is available at cso.org/musicahead.
Patrons holding tickets to canceled concerts are also encouraged to convert the value of tickets to a tax-deductible contribution, exchange tickets into future concerts, or return tickets and put their money on account. Patrons who have not yet donated their tickets to canceled performances can email patronservices@cso.org to request personal assistance with their donation or visit cso.org/exchangetickets to complete their ticket exchange or donation online. Gifts of donated tickets will also be matched as part of the "Music Ahead" campaign.

Additional information about for CSOA patrons is available at cso.org/alert.

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