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# THE CSO LATINO ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2022/23 SEASON

CHICAGO — The Latino Alliance of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) announces programming for the 2022/23 Season including special events with legendary Cuban pianist and composer Chucho Valdés and Spanish guitarist Pablo Sáinz-Villegas, among others.

A liaison and partner group of the CSO, the <u>Latino Alliance</u> connects the organization with Chicago's diverse community by creating awareness, sharing insights and building relationships for generations to come. The group, which begins its ninth season of programming this fall, encourages individuals and their families to discover and experience timeless music with other enthusiasts at concerts, receptions and educational events. Membership to the Latino Alliance is free and open to all. Sign up now at <u>cso.org/LatinoAlliance</u>.

Below is a list of the 2022/23 Season Latino Alliance events in their ¡Nuestras Noches! series.

## Chucho Valdés: A Night of La Creación (October 18)

Join the CSO Latino Alliance for a concert with legendary Cuban pianist and composer Chucho Valdés presenting La Creación for big band, Afro-Cuban percussion and vocals. The evening will conclude with a postconcert fiesta where we'll enjoy cake and celebrate Chucho's 81st birthday.

### Merry, Merry Chicago!: Noche Navideña (December 17)

Gather the whole family for Symphony Center's joyous musical celebration of the season. Enjoy preconcert performances by carolers before CSO's Merry, Merry Chicago! Matinee concert, a perfect holiday tradition for the entire family featuring a program of traditional carols and festive holiday songs.

## A Night with Peruvian Operatic Tenor Juan Diego Flórez (January 31)

Experience the signature virtuosity, elegance, and boundless charm of internationally renowned tenor Juan Diego Flórez as he performs a selection of favorite opera arias and songs, accompanied by pianist Vincenzo Scalera.

#### Boccherini, Vivaldi & Mozart 40: Noche Alegre (March 30)

Enjoy a dessert reception after the CSO concert with Spanish guitarist Pablo Sáinz-Villegas, who in his 2019 CSO debut thrilled with "the profundities of his art," along with "the sheen of his tone and the nobility of his rhythms," wrote the *Chicago Tribune*. Sáinz-Villegas joins the Orchestra and conductor Bernard Labadie in two pieces with bright Mediterranean character by Vivaldi and Boccherini.

### Muti, Pokorny & Schubert 9: A Night for a Farewell (June 15)

Join other Latino Alliance concertgoers for a CSO program led by Zell Music Director Riccardo Muti, including Schubert's magnificent final symphony and J. Strauss Jr.'s Overture to *Indigo and the Forty Thieves*. A focal point of the evening features CSO Principal Tuba Gene Pokorny performing a concerto written by Argentine-born composer Lalo Schifrin, who is best known for his *Mission: Impossible* theme.

#### **Ticket and Patron Information**

Latino Alliance 2022/23 Season subscriptions for the full series of ¡Nuestras Noches! events are available for purchase now at <a href="mailto:cso.org/LatinoAllianceSeason">cso.org/LatinoAllianceSeason</a> or by phone at <a href="mailto:312-294-3000">312-294-3000</a>. Tickets for the Latino Alliance October 18 Chucho Valdés event are also on sale now.

With this package, audiences can **choose three or more Latino Alliance season concerts to secure the best seats now, plus get access to additional benefits.**Latino Alliance tickets are \$40 for prime seating and tickets include access to the Latino Alliance reception associated with the performance.

#### Additional subscriber benefits include:

- Access to prime seating, plus the opportunity to order select additional concerts at special Latino Alliance pricing at the same time as purchasing a subscription: concerts include Hilary Hahn, Tchaikovsky & Bartók, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Danilo Pérez's Global Messengers and Children of the Light with John Patitucci & Brian Blade, Maria João Pires and more.
- Gain access to subscriber benefits, including the ability to exchange tickets into other concerts.
- Purchase the complete package of all five Latino Alliance concerts and receive recognition on the website, plus other perks throughout the season.

All artists and programs are subject to change.

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#### Chicago Symphony Orchestra: cso.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. Jessie Montgomery is Mead Composer-in-Residence, and Hilary Hahn is CSO Artist-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 62 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 <a href="cso.org/radio">cso.org/radio</a>. Recordings by the CSO have earned 63 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 eleven releases with the CSO to date). Find details on these and many other CSO recordings at <a href="cso.org/resound">cso.org/resound</a>.

The CSO is part of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, which also includes the Chicago Symphony Chorus and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago (Ken-David Masur, Principal Conductor), 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.

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