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CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRINCIPAL TRUMPET ESTEBAN BATALLÁN RETURNS IN THE 2025/26 SEASON

CHICAGO — The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association announces that Principal Trumpet Esteban Batallán is confirmed to return to the CSO at the beginning of the 2025/26 Season, following the conclusion of a one-year leave from the Orchestra.

In the current season, Batallán is scheduled to perform with the Orchestra in CSO concerts featuring Mahler's Symphony No. 3 conducted by Zell Music Director Designate Klaus Mäkelä (<u>April 24-26</u>), Mahler's Sixth and Seventh Symphonies with conductor Jaap van Zweden in Chicago (<u>April 17-19</u> and <u>May 8-9</u>) and on a <u>European tour</u> that includes performances at the 2025 Mahler Festival at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam.

He will also make his CSO solo debut in a June program with trumpet concertos by Telemann and Michael Haydn conducted by Riccardo Muti, the Orchestra's music director emeritus for life (June 12-14) and perform in the final subscription concerts of the season that feature Muti leading the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Verdi's Requiem Mass (June 19-24). Batallán was appointed in 2019 by Muti and holds The Adolph Herseth Principal Trumpet Chair, which is endowed by an anonymous benefactor.

Program and ticket information for CSO concerts is available at <u>cso.org</u> or by calling Symphony Center Patron Services at <u>312-294-3000</u>.

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