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## **CONDUCTOR ANNA RAKITINA TO STEP IN FOR EDO DE WAART IN MARCH SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS AT SYMPHONY CENTER**

CHICAGO—The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) announces that Anna Rakitina, Assistant Conductor at the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will step in for conductor Edo de Waart at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra subscription concerts on [Thursday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m.](#) and [Saturday, March 26, at 8:00 p.m.](#) These performances mark Rakitina's CSO debut. Due to unforeseen scheduling complications, Edo de Waart has had to withdraw from this engagement in Chicago. The all-Tchaikovsky program remains the same and features *Capriccio italien* and selections from *The Nutcracker*, as well as *Pezzo capriccioso* and the *Rococo Variations* with celebrated cellist Alisa Weilerstein as soloist.

Russian-born conductor Anna Rakitina is currently Assistant Conductor for the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO). She was appointed to the position in 2019 and is only the second woman conductor to hold the position with the BSO. In addition to her responsibilities in Boston, Rakitina was named 2019-20 Dudamel Fellow with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. A prize winner of the Malko Competition in Copenhagen (2018), the "Deutscher Dirigentenpreis" competition in Cologne (2017), and the TCO International Conducting Competition in Taipei (2015), Rakitina holds degrees from the Moscow Conservatory in both musicology and conducting, with a graduate diploma in conducting from the Hochschule Hamburg. Rakitina has conducted across the U.S., Europe and Asia leading orchestras such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Boston Symphony Orchestra, WDR Sinfonieorchester, Danish National Symphony Orchestra, Taipei Symphony Orchestra and National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra, among others.

Tickets for the March 24 and 26 performances are available now with more information at [cso.org](http://cso.org) or by calling Symphony Center Patron Services at 312-294-3000.

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