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CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CSO SCHOOL CONCERTS November 21, 2014, 10:15 and 12:00

**CSO FAMILY MATINEE SERIES** November 22, 2014, 11:00 and 12:45

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## Welcome 1

Welcome to *Kidsbook*, your guide to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's School and Family Matinee concerts! We hope the content in this guide will help your child/students learn about the themes of the *Downtown Sounds* concert.

What does your neighborhood or town sound like? Many composers have written music about their favorite places, using melodies and rhythms to portray city streets and bustling neighborhoods. Be transported around Chicago without leaving Orchestra Hall with the help of Members of the CSO, conductor Scott Speck and special guest "tour guide" Geoffrey Baer from WTTW!

### DOWNTOWN SOUNDS

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#### **PERFORMERS:**

Members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Scott Speck *conductor* Geoffrey Baer *co-host* 

#### ON THE PROGRAM:

**Richard Strauss** Sunrise from Also sprach Zarathustra **George Gershwin** Excerpt from An American in Paris **Jacques Ibert** Le Métro from Suite symphonique (Paris) **Bedřich Smetana** The Moldau from Má vlast **Traditional/Arr. Nie** Dance of the Golden Snake **Arturo Márquez** Danzón No. 2 **Ottering Begnighi** Tritag Fountain in Early Magning and

**Ottorino Respighi** Triton Fountain in Early Morning and The Fountain of Trevi at Midday from *Fountains of Rome* 

John Carpenter Lake from Adventures in a Perambulator Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky 1812 Overture

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**: Although the music for this concert was not written about Chicago, each piece will help us tell the story of our great City!

As you head into the city, you see the majestic Chicago skyline rising up from the horizon. Welcome to the City of Big Shoulders! The music that opens our concert is from *Also sprach Zarathustra* by Richard Strauss. It starts quietly but grows louder as the skyline appears. When we finally arrive downtown, the opening fanfare has been repeated three times, conveying the City's possibility and power! Turn the page to continue our exciting musical journey through Chicago





On the streets of Chicago, it's busy, busy, busy, from people on the sidewalks to traffic in the street. George Gershwin wrote An American in Paris to sound like a busy street scene. Listen carefully to the music. Can you hear the car horns honking as the pedestrians hurriedly walk down the sidewalk?



"Doors closing." Let's hop on board the CTA and take a ride on the "L." *Le Métro* by Jacques Ibert represents our subway ride. It starts with the bell dinging as the train leaves the station. As we pick up speed and head down the tracks, the strings and piano chug away.



Next up, we'll take a ride in a water taxi down the Chicago River. The music for our ride starts off smooth but becomes turbulent from the traffic of all the other boats on the river. Our water taxi music is from a piece called *The Moldau* by Bedřich Smetana.



Now it's time to explore some of Chicago's exciting neighborhoods. First we'll visit Chinatown and then Pilsen, where we can eat tamales. Yum! As we eat our tasty treats, we dance in the streets to the music that plays on the radio. Arturo Márquez wrote Danzón No. 2, a perfect piece of dance music.



The lights atop the buildings twinkle goodnight as we leave to go home. The city is still awake, but it's time to go to sleep. Sweet dreams,

#### "Sweet home chicago!" 🗖



Our day in the city is almost done, but not before we make one last stop: Navy Pier! It's dark out now and almost time for the fireworks to begin! In Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, the music builds and builds, until finally it erupts and the fireworks explode as the percussion crashes and booms to the crowd's delight!



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After such a long day in the city,

we head to the lake and dip our

toes in the water. In John Alden

the deep dark blue of Lake

breeze cooling our skin.

Carpenter's Lake, we can imagine

Michigan, the sun shining on the

water like glitter, and a gentle





Yay, Millennium Park! We run between the two fountains waiting for the water to rush down on us. Next, we head to Buckingham Fountain, where the water erupts towards the sky. Ottorino Respighi's Triton Fountain and Trevi Fountain from *Fountains of Rome* musically represent these famous Chicago fountains.

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# Meet The Ferformers



#### SCOTT SPECK

- Scott Speck was born in Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from Yale University.
- He is music director of the Joffrey Ballet and artistic director of the Chicago Philharmonic.
- Scott has made many appearances at the White House as music director of the Washington Ballet.
- In addition to being fluent in English, German and French, Scott has a diploma in Italian, speaks Spanish, and has a reading knowledge of Russian.
- Scott is the co-author of three of the world's best-selling books on classical music for a popular audience: Classical Music for Dummies, Opera for Dummies and Ballet for Dummies.



#### **GEOFFREY BAER**

O Multiple Emmy Award-winning public television writer, producer and program host Geoffrey Baer is known for his masterful storytelling, conversational style and contagious enthusiasm.

- Geoffrey is most familiar to Chicago audiences for 0 his popular feature-length TV specials about Chicago architecture and history, including *Chicago's* Loop: A New Walking Tour, Chicago's Lakefront, Chicago by Boat: the New River Tour and Chicago by 'L': Touring the Neighborhoods, as well as six programs covering virtually all of Chicago's suburban areas.
- He has been a docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation since 1987, a board member of the Art Institute of Chicago's Architecture and Design Society and is an emeritus board member of Lookingglass Theatre Company.
- Geoffrey has a master's degree in theater from Northwestern University and a B.S. in Radio/TV/Film from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

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John Bruce Yeh

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endowed by Christine Querfeld

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The Chicago Symphony Orchestra string sections utilize revolving seating. Players behind the first desk (first two desks in the violins) change seats systematically every two weeks and are listed alphabetically. Section percussionists also are listed alphabetically. The CSO's music director position is endowed in perpetuity by a generous gift from the Zell Family Foundation.

The Erika and Dietrich M. Gross Principal Flute Chair currently is unoccupied.

### INSTRUMENTS OF THE ORCHESTRA

**THE STRING FAMILY** includes violin, viola, cello, bass and harp. These instruments are made of wood and strings, and are played by vibrating the strings using a bow or plucking or striking with a finger.





**THE WOODWIND FAMILY** includes flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and saxophone. These instruments all have the same basic shape: a long tube with a mouthpiece at one end. The flute is played by blowing across a hole to create a vibration. Oboe, clarinet, bassoon and saxophone all are played by blowing air into a single or double reed attached to the mouthpiece, creating a vibration that results in sound. **THE BRASS FAMILY** includes horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and tuba. To make a sound on any brass instrument, the player vibrates his or her lips against a mouthpiece, which is fitted into the instrument. The player can change pitch on a trumpet, horn or tuba by pressing on valves. Trombone players change pitch by moving the slide back and forth.



THE PERCUSSION FAMILY includes snare drum, bass drum, gong, triangle, xylophone, timpani and piano, among many others. Percussion instruments are struck, scraped or shaken.



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