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TICKETS FOR CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION'S SYMPHONY BALL SPRING 2022 ON SALE NOW

Music Director Riccardo Muti leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Opera Overtures by Mozart and Rossini and Works by Mahler and Liszt

CHICAGO — The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association's (CSOA) Symphony Ball has a Spring edition in 2022. Hosted by the Women's Board of the CSOA and the Symphony Ball Committee, the special concert and benefit evening will take place on [Saturday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.](#) at Symphony Center, followed by a gala event at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, which has been fully transformed following a recent multimillion-dollar renovation.

Music Director Riccardo Muti will lead the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Elīna Garanča, a mezzo-soprano who "possesses one of the most beautiful voices in opera" (*The New York Times*) in Mahler's radiant *Rückert-Lieder* on a program that also features Liszt's sumptuous symphonic poem *Les préludes* and opera overtures by Mozart and Rossini.

Red-carpet arrivals will begin at 5:30 pm with all concertgoers invited to toast the gala concert during a festive reception throughout Symphony Center. Immediately following the performance, gala ticketholders proceed to the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago for a celebration including cocktails, dinner and dancing. Cocktail attire is suggested. Symphony Ball Spring 2022 is presented by the Women's Board of the CSOA, Judy Feldman, president. Women's Board members serving as co-chairs are Judy Feldman, Shelley Ochab, Courtney Shea, Ruthie Ryan, Cynthia Scholl and Kim Shepherd, with CSOA Trustee Renée Metcalf also serving as co-chair. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor of Symphony Ball.

The inspiration for the Spring 2022 Symphony Ball décor comes from one of Chicago's most famous slogans, "Urbs in Hortā," a Latin phrase meaning "City in a Garden." This motto truly reflects one of the most beautiful aspects of Chicago living and represents a time of rebirth and a chance to start fresh in our beautiful city as we anticipate the return of Spring.

The 5:30 pm preconcert cocktail reception in Buntrock Hall for gala ticketholders and sponsors will feature a floral design with flowering branches in shades of pink and green while the décor at the Four Seasons will be all about the art of celebration. Guests arriving in the foyer can stop and take photos to remember the special evening in front of an impressive photo frame wall that features a stunning vintage flower filled DeGourney designed wallpaper and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra logo.

Lounge seating in soft velvets with accents of citron and jewel tone pillows will give guests a place to relax and catch up. Flanking the doors will be classic wood planter boxes with tall topiary trees and low gardens of ferns and ivy. As guests make their way into the ballroom, they will be greeted by centerpieces that give the room its dramatic impact. Half of the tables will host tall glass vases with grand designs of camellia foliage surrounded by low crystal urns of spring floral in shades of magenta, plum, apricot, pale blue, purple and green. Three crystal and gold votive candles will be placed to add sparkle to these tables. The remaining tables will feature a low glass compote with wispy designs of camellia foliage and florals in the same shades. To give these tables height, each arrangement will be flanked with two brushed gold candlesticks with tall pillar candles and low crystal votives. Event décor provided by VH Designs.

Symphony Ball guests will begin their dinner with a baby field greens salad featuring Tête de Moine cheese, fresh strawberries and candied walnuts topped with honey champagne vinaigrette. The main course features grilled filet of beef with a red wine reduction accompanied by a lobster crab cake, lobster butter, grilled asparagus and dauphinoise potatoes. The vegetarian entrée is a vegetable pave with piquillo pepper sauce. Completing the dinner is a dessert that includes a trio of key lime tart, chocolate flourless cake with raspberries, and vanilla almond cake with passion fruit gelato.

Post dinner entertainment provided by Gentlemen of Leisure band.

Tickets for both the preconcert toast and the CSO performance range from \$38 to \$250. Tickets for the reception and concert only are available online at cso.org, by calling 312-294-3000 or by visiting the Symphony Center box office at 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604.

Gala dinner packages, which include tickets to Symphony Ball, start at \$1,000 per person, and can be purchased by phone at 312-294-3185 or email at symphonyball@cso.org.

Artists, programs and ticket prices are subject to change.

Audience safety protocols and additional patron information is available at cso.org/safeandsound.

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