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**Celebrating
Black Excellence
in Classical Music
and Beyond**

The CSO African American Network

invites you to its 2023/24 Season, celebrating Black composers, conductors and performers across genres including classical, jazz, new music and gospel! This season, the African American Network hosts celebrations, artist meet-and-greets and networking events.

Join the African American Network for the following performances and receptions!

Samara Joy Friday, October 27

The African American Network invites you to celebrate in style at their season launch event — Joy After Dark: The AAN Afterparty. Immediately following the highly anticipated Samara Joy concert, enjoy cool drinks and velvety desserts in a venue befitting Samara Joy herself: the Grainger Ballroom, a classic venue with a contemporary twist.

Montgomery and the Blacknificent 7 Sunday, December 3

Join AAN members for a preconcert panel discussion presented by Chicago Humanities with members of the Blacknificent 7, a cohort of cutting-edge contemporary composers, and moderator LaRob K. Rafael. Following the CSO MusicNOW concert, the AAN will host a meet-and-greet with the composers and artists.

Christian McBride's The Movement Revisited

Friday, February 2

Eight-time Grammy Award-winning bassist, bandleader and host of NPR's *Jazz Night in America* Christian McBride brings his monumental musical tribute inspired by the words of Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammad Ali and President Barack Obama. "When the suite soars, it follows the bandleader's strengths, known for his ebullient precision — his joy in the details — and for savoring the nectar inside swing rhythm" (*DownBeat*).

Sheku Kanneh-Mason Plays Elgar Thursday, February 15

Sheku Kanneh-Mason, hailed by *The New Yorker* as "a cellist of blazing sensitivity," makes his debut with the CSO performing Elgar's rhapsodic Cello Concerto.

Gateways Festival Orchestra Featuring Take 6

Friday, April 19

Comprised of the finest classical musicians in the country, the all-Black Gateways Festival Orchestra concludes its week-long Chicago residency with a Symphony Center concert featuring Take 6, the award-winning a cappella group Quincy Jones called the "baddest vocal cats on the planet." The program highlights works by African American composers including Chicago-native Margaret Bonds, whose *Montgomery Variations* was inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CSO x Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

Thursday, April 25

Join the afterparty with the CSO Latino Alliance to celebrate the iconic collaboration between the CSO and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, led by the legendary Wynton Marsalis and six-time Grammy Award-winning conductor Giancarlo Guerrero.

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