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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) celebrates its 101st Anniversary during the 2023-2024 Season titled: *The Next CSO Century: A Music Director Search Year*. The CSO is a volunteer orchestra that provides the community of Columbus, IN and the surrounding counties with accessible and affordable classical music performances. The volunteer musicians of the CSO represent a diverse selection of ages, skill sets, and backgrounds and share a desire to pursue life-long learning through music. Patrons can expect to enjoy five (5) concerts throughout the season, all of which will take place at The Commons Custer and Nugent Performance Hall at 3:30 in the afternoon. The CSO has selected four candidates to serve as finalists in the search for their next Music Director: Diego Barbosa-Vasquez, David Borman, Elliott Lentz, and William McClain. Each of these candidates will serve as a guest conductor at one of the CSO's upcoming concerts this season.

Season tickets may be purchased in advance on the CSO website: [www.csoindiana.org](http://www.csoindiana.org). (\$50 adult season tickets; \$30 senior/ student season tickets; children 12 and under are always free). Season tickets grant admission to all concerts that charge an admission fee and save frequent concert goers \$10 throughout the season. Individual concert tickets may also be purchased in advance online or at the door. Tickets this year will cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors/ students regardless if they're purchased online or at the door. Children 12 and under always receive free admission. Follow the CSO on Facebook (@CSOIndiana) and Instagram (@csoindiana) for more information about the orchestra and the upcoming season.

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra is seeking musicians who play violin, viola, cello, bass, oboe, clarinet, french horn, bassoon, trumpet, and percussion. If you would like more information about joining the orchestra, please contact the Board of Directors at [columbusorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:columbusorchestra@gmail.com). Rehearsals for the 2023-2024 season will resume on Tuesday, September 5 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Central Middle School band room. Auditions are not required.



### **2023-2024 Season Concert Schedule**

All concerts will take place at The Commons Custer and Nugent Performance Hall (300 Washington Street, Columbus, IN 47201) at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Sunday, October 22, 2023**

*Echoes of the World / A Musical Expedition of Self-Understanding*

Diego Barbosa-Vasquez, Guest Conductor + Music Director Search Finalist

Join the CSO on Oct 22nd for a transformative musical adventure where diverse cultures resonate, guiding you on a profound journey of self-discovery.

Arturo Márquez (México-USA): Danzón No. 2

Reena Esmail (India-USA): Avartan

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (Russia): 5th Symphony

Columbus, IN Piece: TBA

Lucho Bermudez (Colombia): Colombia Tierra Querida

#### **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

*A CSO Holiday*

Guest Conductor TBA

Celebrate the holiday season with your CSO! Enjoy holiday favorites brought to life in symphonic splendor. Free concert – our gift to the community!

#### **Sunday, February 18, 2024**

*Outside the Box*

Elliott Lentz, Guest Conductor + Music Director Search Finalist

Oftentimes, society has pre-existing expectations for how and why things should or should not be done. And while these expectations can be in our best interests, for example, looking both ways before crossing the street, they may also, when held onto too tightly, hinder our creativity and stop us from making our own unique mark on the world. Composers like Beethoven, Coleridge-Taylor, and Borodin challenged these expectations, each in their own particular way, in an effort to create the music they felt was missing from the world. Whether it was creating beautiful melodic lines despite not being able to hear them, overcoming the numerous challenges associated with being a person of color in a music conservatory in the late 1800s, or composing music on the weekends after working their day job in a science lab, each dreamt of what might be beyond the expectation...what the world could be if we took just one step outside the box.



Ludwig van Beethoven: Overture to Fidelio  
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: Idyll  
Alexander Borodin: Symphony No. 2  
Winner of the 2024 Laura Showalter Youth Concerto Competition

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

*From America*

David Borman, Guest Conductor + Music Director Search Finalist

Experience the magic of American heritage in Columbus Symphony Orchestra's "From America." Discover the resonant melodies of Florence Price's "Adoration," relish the virtuosic display in Aaron Copland's Clarinet Concerto featuring the gifted Eric Schultz, and be captivated by the timeless majesty of Dvorak's 9th Symphony. A magnificent blend of emotional depth and masterful artistry awaits you, stirring the heart and soothing the soul. Join us for a night where music narrates stories of American legacy and dreams. A testament to the power of music that transcends borders and time. Don't miss this mesmerizing musical journey!

Florence Price: Adoration

Aaron Copland: Clarinet Concerto featuring Eric Schultz, solo clarinet

Antonin Dvořák: Symphony No. 9 in E minor, "From the New World"

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

*Voices of our Land*

William McClain, Guest Conductor + Music Director Search Finalist

For our season finale we will celebrate the music of three composers who played a major role in the formation of an "American" orchestral sound. Dvorak is a well known Czech composer who after immigrating to the United States helped other composers to find their "voice". His beloved Romance for Violin and Orchestra will stir the soul. It is hard to imagine an American western movie soundtrack without the influence of Aaron Copland who defined the "western" sound for generations to come. The CSO will also perform excerpts from Appalachian Spring and Rodeo. Amy Beach's "Gaelic" Symphony is a gem in the orchestral repertoire which includes the sounds of folk music and bagpipes.

Aaron Copland: Variations on a Shaker Melody

Aaron Copland: Buckaroo Holiday from Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo

Antonin Dvořák: Romance in F minor, Op. 11

Amy Beach: Gaelic Symphony

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