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“A STANDOUT CONCERT”

COLUMBUS, GA, September 17, 2018 - The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is pleased to present our first Legacy Hall Series concert of the season, “**Beethoven & Baroque**” on **Saturday, October 13, 2018**. The concert will feature standout performances by members of the CSO’s own orchestra in the Baroque masterpieces on the first half of the concert. Famous composers Handel, Marcello, and Vivaldi will be represented in concertos for oboe, two cellos, and orchestra. Beethoven’s lively *Second Symphony*, one of his final compositions before his complete hearing loss, hold’s pride of place following intermission in this stunning concert. This orchestra series for chamber orchestra exposes our patrons to a broader selection of symphonic music in a more intimate venue allowing for a closer view of the orchestra in action.

CSO Principal Oboist, Erica Howard will perform Marcello’s *Concerto for Oboe in C Minor*. Howard joined the Columbus Symphony in 2011 and has served as Principal Oboe since 2014. She is also Principal Oboe in the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra and plays English horn with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. In addition to performing, Erica maintains a large private teaching studio and teaches oboe at the Alabama School of Fine Arts. She received her Bachelor’s of Music degree from Indiana University, where she was a student of Linda Strommen.



CSO Cellists Hilary Glen and Daniel Holloway will be featured in Vivaldi’s *Concerto in G Minor for 2 Violoncellos*. Dr. Glen is the Instructor of Cello at the University of Alabama, a member of the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra, Assistant Principal cellist of the Atlanta Opera, and Acting Principal cellist of the Columbus Symphony. Glen attended the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, the Eastman School of Music and was a member of the New World Symphony. Her primary teachers include Janos Starker, Alan Harris, and Helga Winold. Daniel Holloway is a passionate educator and is an active middle school and high school orchestra clinician and maintains a private cello studio in the North Atlanta area. Holloway currently performs with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Chattanooga Symphony and Opera, LaGrange Symphony Orchestra and Carroll Symphony Orchestra. He has also performed with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, Greenville Symphony

Orchestra, Savannah Philharmonic, Augusta Symphony, South Carolina Philharmonic, Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, and the Macon Symphony Orchestra. He has played orchestrally with numerous popular music groups including The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Queensryche, Sarah McLachlan, Josh Groban, Video Games Live, and Evanescence.

“Beethoven & Baroque” is presented by TSYS, the Columbusite, and WTVM.

Enhance the evening experience with an exclusive pre-concert event! On **Saturday, October 13th at 6:00 PM**, prior to the concert, enjoy our delicious **Autumn Soirée & Dinner** at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. Dinner will begin with a field green salad with apples, walnuts and poppy seed dressing and fresh baked bread. The main course will be your choice of chicken with wild mushroom and Marsala wine sauce or grilled salmon with a wasabi ginger sauce. Both entrees will be served with a twice-baked potato casserole and whole green beans. The meal will conclude with pumpkin gooey cake with candied pecans. Our event sponsors at **Uptown Wine and Spirits** will provide customized wine pairings included with the meal. Tea and water will also be provided. Tickets for the dinner are \$45 and can be purchased as an add-on to the concert ticket at the RiverCenter Box Office, online at csoga.org/tickets, or by calling Kristen Hudson, CSO Marketing Director at (706) 256-3645.

On **Saturday, October 13th**, we will have our **Open Dress Rehearsal** beginning at 12:30 PM. We encourage attendance from all members of the community, including those who are unable to attend the evening concert or looking for a “behind-the-scenes” look into the ensemble. It is a great way to introduce young children to a live musical experience in a sensory-friendly environment. Continuing the tradition, this informal and all-inclusive atmosphere is breaking the financial barrier by encouraging attendees to “pay what you want.” Audience members set their own prices to eliminate hesitation and allow new viewers to partake in the music being created by the CSO.

Attend **Know the Score** at **6:30 PM** in Studio Theatre. Know the Score is a casual pre-concert conversation with Music Director and Conductor George Del Gobbo that provides insight into the repertoire on the evening’s concert.

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the RiverCenter Box Office, Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5:30 PM or one hour prior to the performance (enter doors located on Broadway). Day-of student rush tickets (ages 5+) are \$10 based on availability. For more information call the RiverCenter Box Office at 706.256.3612 or visit us online at www.csoga.org.

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra, formed in 1855, is the second orchestra founded in the nation and the first founded in Georgia. The CSO, under the direction of George Del Gobbo, has long been considered one of the Southeast’s premier musical ensembles. The CSO’s performance venue at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, Bill Heard Theatre, seats 2,000 patrons and provides a state-of-the-art visual and acoustic experience.

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