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Arnaud Sussmann, violin

PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES  
*HEROIC SPIRIT*

Peoria, IL – **“Sussmann has an old-school sound reminiscent of what you’ll hear on vintage recordings....”** - *Minnesota Pioneer Press*

The Peoria Symphony Orchestra’s (PSO) 119<sup>th</sup> season of exceptional concerts continues on Saturday, April 29, 2017, 8:00 pm in the Peoria Civic Center Theater with *HEROIC SPIRIT*. This concert features two of the greatest works in musical history – **Johannes Brahms’s soaring *Violin Concerto*** and Ludwig van **Beethoven’s passionate, monumental *Symphony No.3***. The Brahms *Violin Concerto in D* is considered of the best solo concertos of all time – on any instrument. Brahms demands not only technical perfections for the soloist but also interpretive genius at a profound level. Ranging in emotional content from heroic and passionate to noble and tender, Brahms voice sings to the ages through the solo violin in dialogue with the orchestra. Winner of several international competitions, Mr. Sussmann is a protégé of the famous Itzhak Perlman. As a recording artist Sussmann has captured the attention of classical critics and audiences around **the world. He was featured in the WTVP/PSO’s Sound Bites series with acclaimed pianist Orion Weiss, in a program of Brahms, Mozart, and Ravel.**

The thrilling violin virtuoso Arnaud Sussmann makes his PSO debut in the Brahms **piece.”**  
George Stelluto, PSO Music Director

The second half of the concert Maestro George Stelluto and the PSO will perform Beethoven’s *Symphony No.3, “Eroica.”* This masterpiece is inspired by both the idealism and disappointment of the French Revolution. Beethoven set music on a new path with this symphony, influencing composer for generations to come, including Brahms and Tchaikovsky. The piece is a milestone of composition and poignant musical expression. In November 1963, the Boston Symphony Orchestra suddenly changed its scheduled program and played the *Symphony No.3’s* soul-searching Funeral March movement upon hearing **the news of JFK’s death.**

A Pre-Concert lecture by Maestro George Stelluto takes place a 7:00 pm. **Tickets for the PSO’s HEROIC SPIRIT** start at \$31 and student tickets are \$11. Tickets are available online at [www.peoriasymphony.org](http://www.peoriasymphony.org), by calling 309.671.1096 or coming to the PSO Box Office located at 101 State Street, Peoria, IL. Box Office hours are 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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