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PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 120th ANNIVERSARY SEASON BEGINS

"We are celebrating our past and embracing our future for the PSO's 120th Anniversary. We will be commemorating many international, regional, and local anniversaries connected to the PSO throughout the season, as well as introducing some exciting new concert experiences for Peoria!"

- George Stelluto, PSO Music Director

PEORIA, IL – The Peoria Symphony 120th Anniversary season begins Saturday, September 23, 2017, at 7:30 PM in the Peoria Civic Center Theater with **REFLECTIONS**. This opening concert celebrates the PSO's history and the important anniversaries of Bernstein, Brahms, and Bradley University.

The concert begins with Bernstein's *Candide Overture* from the comic operetta full of satire. The masterful pianist, Jorge Federico Osorio, makes a triumphant return to Peoria performing Brahms's amazing *Piano Concerto No. 1*. This year, 2017, marks both the 120th anniversary of Brahms's passing and the founding of the PSO.

"Osorio gave one of those 'where have you been all my life' performances in collaboration with Maestro Honeck. He unveiled a luxurious tone capable of infinite variation." - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*



The concert includes Mussorgsky's masterpiece *Pictures at an Exhibition* with projected images of the original artwork that inspired the music, as well as a kindred art from Bradley University (celebrating 120 years) collection and local artists.

A Pre-Concert Lecture by Maestro George Stelluto takes place at 6:30 PM. Ticket buyers are reminded the **new concert start time is 7:30 PM**. Audience members are invited to a 120th Anniversary Party following the concert in the lobby of the Civic Center Theater complete with live music, provided by JC and the Redemption Band, with dancing, and a cash bar.

Tickets for **REFLECTIONS** start at \$25 and student tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 309.671.1096, visiting the PSO Box Office located at 101 State Street, Peoria, IL., or online at www.peoriasymphony.org.

Please note: City Link no longer provides Park and Ride services for the PSO concerts.

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