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PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES LA LA LAND IN CONCERT

“A totally new Peoria Symphony concert experience and a first for Peoria!”
- George Stelluto, PSO Music Director

PEORIA, IL – The Peoria Symphony 120th Anniversary continues on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Peoria Civic Center Theater with **LA LA LAND IN CONCERT**. The PSO invites you to experience the original film *La La Land* like never before. Watch the runaway hit on a huge screen, in glorious high definition, with the original soundtrack performed live by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. **The new PSO concert start time is 7:30 PM.**

Winner of 6 Academy Awards® including Best Original Score and Best Original Song, and 7 Golden Globes, this award-winning film is dubbed by *Variety* magazine as, “ardent and full of feeling, passionate but also exquisitely controlled” and *The New York Times* says “‘La La Land’ Makes Musicals Matter Again.”

Set in modern day Los Angeles, this new musical, about everyday life, explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams. Watch Mia, (Emma Stone) and Seb, (Ryan Gosling) struggle and the bittersweet triumph as the PSO provides the original soundtrack.

After working with the film’s award-winning composer, Justin Hurwitz, (who composed the music to *La La Land* as a valentine to Los Angeles and movie musicals) Maestro Stelluto has conducted performances of this film with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra at Ravinia and in Philadelphia with great success.

Lights! Camera! Action! Step into a Hollywood setting in the lobby of the theater to enjoy a Pre-Concert Hollywood Party where **you will be the star** with shining spotlights as you enjoy the red carpet experience and take the long, proud walk down the crimson path, give your best movie star pose for the admiring paparazzi against the PSO backdrop, and stop by our “Entertainment Hosts” Stacy Peterson, Communication Specialist for the City of Peoria, and Jon Neidy, Executive Director of Bradley University Smith Career Center for a true Hollywood interview! More photo ops will include a 6 ft Oscar cutout and backdrop Hollywood sign. **Pre-Concert Hollywood Party begins at 6:30 PM.**



Underwriter for *La La Land in Concert* is Sid and Flo Banwart and the concert is sponsored by Soderstrom Skin Institute with film projection support provided by Wayne Baum.

Tickets for **La La Land in Concert** start at \$35 and student tickets are \$20. Tickets 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.

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