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PSO ANNOUNCES RESIDENT ARTIST WEEK (RAW) SCHEDULE

PEORIA, IL – The Peoria Symphony (PSO) is positioned to provide many benefits of live music to our community and continue innovative outreach in the PSO's 120th Anniversary season through the Resident Artist Week (RAW). The vision of RAW is a series of objectives to expand the PSO's reach, and bring artists and music into the community to those who may not be able to attend a concert. The objectives include:

- To infiltrate Central Illinois with the benefits of music – to entertain, soothe, heal, and educate
- To take people by surprise and engage them with the universal language of music
- To invite people to question pre-existing notions of classical music and the PSO
- To emphasize fun and innovation as integral to the PSO's brand
- To enrich school curricula and expose student to the stories, experiences, career tracks, and talents of professional musicians

In the week preceding the PSO's *Serenade for Strings* concert on Saturday, November 18, 2017, 7:30 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, guest artist Orion Weiss, piano, will be participating in RAW week. Activities include visits with Bright Futures Pre-K classrooms, Morton High School, Buehler Home, Lutheran Hillside Village, and Quest Charter School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) classes.

The public is invited to attend a Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 in the PSO Cube located at 101 State Street, Peoria, Illinois in the WTVP Building. Moderated by George Stelluto, Music Director of the PSO, the community will engage with Orion Weiss with a question and answer opportunity and performance by the artist. Participants should bring their lunch. PSO will provide water, coffee, and desserts. Make reservations by calling 309.671.1096. Doors open at 11:30 AM with a presentation at Noon.

Mr. Weiss is of the most sought-after soloist in his generation of young American musicians, and has performed with the major American orchestras. His deeply felt and exceptionally crafted performances go far beyond his technical mastery and have won him worldwide acclaim.

"When you're named after one of the biggest constellations in the night sky, the pressure is on to display a little star power – and the young pianist Orion Weiss did exactly that..." *The Washington Post*



Orion Weiss, piano

The Peoria Symphony Orchestra concert **SERENADE FOR STRINGS** features some of the most beautiful music ever written with Elgar's *Serenade for Strings*, Bloch's *Concerto Grosso No. 1*, and Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*. The concert is sponsored by the Peoria Symphony Guild with additional support of the 120th symphony season provided by PNC.

Tickets for **SERENADE FOR STRINGS** start at \$25 and student tickets are \$10. 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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