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Orion Weiss, piano

PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES SERENADE FOR STRINGS

PEORIA, IL – The Peoria Symphony 120th Anniversary continues with “strings attached” on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church with **SERENADE FOR STRINGS**. In **SERENADE FOR STRINGS** the beauty of lush, lavish string sounds envelop you with some of the most beautiful music ever written. Tchaikovsky’s famous and beloved *Serenade for Strings*, written in 1892, is full of youthful charm and innocence, while at the same time, revealing its inner passion. Tchaikovsky described the opening movement (*Pezzo in forma di sonatina*) as “...my homage to Mozart; it is intended to be an imitation of his style.” Edgar Elgar’s *Serenade for Strings* is a much more substantial piece and Elgar described it as one of his personal favorites.

Pianist Orion Weiss returns to Peoria to perform Ernest Bloch’s hauntingly beautiful *Concerto Grosso No. 1*, an early 20th century work that replicates the spirit of the Baroque, and completes what Maestro George Stelluto calls, “a dark chocolate musical evening.” One of the most sought-after soloist in his generation of young American musicians, the pianist Orion Weiss has performed with the major American orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony, Boston Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and New York Philharmonic. 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*

Mr. Weiss will be participating in the PSO’s Resident Artist Week (RAW) which is a way for the PSO to expand its reach, and bring artists and music into the community to those who may not be able to attend a concert. He will be visiting 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.



SERENADE FOR STRINGS 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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