



February 2, 2024

Dear Music Teacher, Principal, Superintendent, Fine Arts Coordinator, or Classroom Teacher,

The **Peoria Symphony Guild** invites your classroom to participate in a very engaging performance by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, ***Take A Musical Voyage***, specifically geared for students, on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 10:00 or 11:45 a.m.

For 70 years, central Illinois school children from the third to twelfth grades have taken a field trip to the Guild-sponsored Annual Student Concert to experience a live, interactive one-hour performance of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. For some participants, this field trip supplements a rich music curriculum; for others, it is a rare exposure to classical music.

During the 70th Annual Student Concert, students will hear the following music selections from Richard Strauss' *Four Last Songs* and Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4*. This concert also features the winner of the **Symphony Guild's Young Artists Competition** performing their concerto with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra—it is sure to inspire your students!

PSO Music Director George Stelluto is always very creative in his approach to the Student Concerts. Beyond important exposure to live classical music, this field trip offers the opportunity for teachers to create a lesson based on the music and about the featured artists, Louis Lohrseb, conductor, and Erica Petrocelli, soprano.

A school reservation form and an information sheet on the Student Concerts are included in this packet. These are also downloadable at the PSO website: peoriasymphony.org/studentconcert. In addition, there is an [Online Registration](#) option, and credit card payment is available through [PayPal](#).

If you have any questions regarding ticketing, buses, etc., please contact **Amy Kelly, PSO Guild President**, at 309-251-2539 or akelly@peoriasymphony.org.

We look forward to your attendance at this wonderful annual event!

Sincerely,

Amy Kelly
President
Peoria Symphony Guild