



Dear Friends of the
Southwest Symphony Orchestra,

As the son of a foreign-service officer stationed in Munich, Germany — and later as a student at the Mozarteum in Salzburg - I had the good fortune of visiting many European cities whose rich musical traditions are the source of much of what the SSO performs. Decades later I return to Europe in a tribute on September 30 entitled **"Magnificent Cities"** that also includes New York and a surprise city! An exquisite slide presentation augments the performance.

The opening concert is the cornerstone of our "Season of Magnificence." On November 11, John Sharp, principal cellist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, performs Dvorak's beloved Cello Concerto, as we delve into **"Slavic DNA."**

"Holiday Cheer with Old Friends" is slated for December 7 & 9, hosted by St. Michael Church and St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park, with whom the SSO has had wonderful collaborations!

"No earthly tumult is heard in heaven!...Good vegetables of every kind grow in the heavenly garden." - phrases from the transcendent closing song of Mahler's lyrical Symphony No. 4. The SSO anticipates the changing season on March 31 with **"Heavenly Spring,"** introducing rising soprano Emily Birsan and the Concordia University Chicago Kapelle.

In April 2012 the SSO presented "Salute to Big Bands." That concert's unbridled popularity coupled with the 7-year itch, has prompted **"Salute to Big Bands II"** on May 5 to culminate the year. Bring on Chicago's own jazz vocalist Paul Marinaro and two fabulous dance couples from Big City Swing to complement the program!

Whether you are a regular or novice concert-goer, we invite you to be a part of what reliable sources (me and countless others!) deem the most entertaining show in town. Mark your calendars for "Season of Magnificence"...

Warm regards,
David Crane, Music Director

Plan your school's field trip today!

The Jogger and the Dinosaur Gould
Aesop's Fables Maltz

Educational Concert
October 23, 2018
9:30 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.



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SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Season of Magnificence

1. Magnificent Cities

September 30 — 4:00 p.m.

New York — Overture to West Side Story Bernstein arr. Perres

Vienna — Wiener Blut J. Strauss Jr.

London — A Foggy Day Gershwin arr. Sayre

Surprise City — *(It should come as no surprise!)*

Madrid — Summer Night in Madrid Glinka

Paris — La Vie Parisienne Overture Offenbach

Moscow — Dawn on the Moscow River Mussorgsky

Rome — The Pines of Rome Respighi

(complemented by slide show presentations of the cities by George Kwin)



John Sharp

2. Slavic DNA

November 11 — 4:00 p.m.

Hungarian March

from "The Damnation of Faust" Berlioz

Cello Concerto Dvořák

John Sharp, cello

(principal cello, Chicago Symphony Orchestra)

Symphony No. 2 (Little Russian)

Tchaikovsky

The *Chicago Tribune* says John Sharp is
"An absolutely superb cellist..."

3. Holiday Cheer with Old Friends

Friday, December 7 — 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland Ave, Orland Park, IL

4. Holiday Cheer with Old Friends

Sunday, December 9 — 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi, 15050 Wolf Rd, Orland Park, IL

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Emily Birsan

"...bright and
glittering"
Opera News

5. Heavenly Spring

March 31 — 4:00 p.m.

Claire de Lune

Debussy

Carmen Suite No. 2

Bizet

Benedictus sit deus, K. 117

Mozart

Emily Birsan, soprano and
Concordia University Chicago Kapelle,

Dr. Charles P. Brown, Director

Symphony No. 4

Mahler

Emily Birsan



6. Salute to Big Bands II

May 5 — 4:00 p.m.

Chicago's own jazz vocalist

Paul Marinaro and

Big City Swing dancers

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"...one of the most beautiful vocal
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