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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Cancels Concerts, Events Through May 27

(March 17, 2020) – In light of the continuing concern regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra made the difficult decision to suspend all concerts and events until late May. Following the Centers for Disease Control’s guideline to avoid gatherings of more than 50 people for the next eight weeks, ISO activity is on hiatus through May 27.

“This is a challenging time for many industries,” said CEO James Johnson, “as arts organizations, restaurants, small businesses, and many others rely on the ability to interact in groups regularly. While the decision to cancel more concerts is heartbreaking, our priority is the safety of everyone in the ISO family and our community as a whole. We will continue to find ways to bring light during this difficult situation, and we can’t wait to see everyone back in the Hilbert Circle Theatre as soon as we safely can.”

Concerts affected by the cancellation include:

- The Passion of Mahler’s Fifth Symphony: Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14
- Ruth Reinhardt Leads the ISO: Thursday, March 19; Friday, March 20; and Saturday, March 21
- Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*: Friday, March 27
- Broadway Standing Ovarions: Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4
- Conrad Jones Plays Haydn: Thursday, April 16; Friday, April 17; and Saturday, April 18
- *Resurrection Mixtape: Mahler, 2Pac, Biggie*; Wednesday, April 22
- An Evening with Lea Salonga: Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25
- *Mary Poppins in Concert Live to Film*: Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3
- Edo de Waart Conducts Elgar: Thursday, May 7; Friday, May 8; and Saturday, May 9
- *Bartók v. Björk*: Wednesday, May 13
- *The Vinyl Years: A Classic Rock Songbook*: Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16

Several options are available for patrons who have already purchased tickets to these concerts:

- Donate your tickets – which are tax deductible for your ticket value. Your generous support is appreciated, as it allows the ISO to continue fulfilling our mission during challenging times.
- Exchange your tickets into any concert remaining in the current ISO subscription season (ending June 13) or our summer Bank of America *Film Series* performances
- Exchange your tickets for a gift certificate to be used for any ISO ticket purchase in the next 5 years

Ticket exchanges can be made through June 13, 2020. For assistance, please contact the ISO Box Office by email at iso@indianapolissymphony.org, as our physical Box Office on Monument Circle is temporarily closed. To assist our patrons through these challenging times, the ISO is waiving ticketing fees for single ticket purchases for any of the remaining 2019/2020 performances. The safety of our musicians, staff and patrons are of the utmost importance and

while the ISO normally waives fees for those who visit our Box Office in person, we are extending this courtesy to all our patrons.

The ISO's public events outside of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, including Metropolitan Youth Orchestra rehearsals and *Teddy Bear Series* performances, are also cancelled through May 27.

We are grateful to each member of the ISO family, including our donors and patrons, for their generous spirit and dedication to our organization during this trying time. Now more than ever, the support of our benefactors will help to sustain the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for not just the coming weeks and months, but for years to come. To make a donation today, please visit www.IndianapolisSymphony.org/donate.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this challenging and unexpected situation. The ISO will continue to monitor updates and recommendations from state, local, and federal leaders; please visit www.IndianapolisSymphony.org for concert updates and the latest information on our health and safety protocol.

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