

PEORIA *Symphony* ORCHESTRA
GEORGE STELLUTO • MUSIC DIRECTOR



THE
2011-2012
SEASON

More music. More venues.

My friends in music,

In my first season in Peoria, I found the depth of our cultural resources inspiring. So, the PSO will celebrate the rich history and vibrant culture of this truly world-class community.

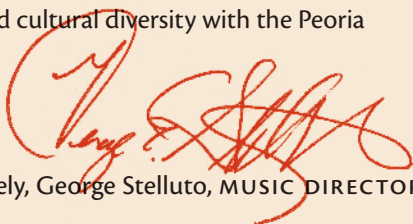
Our concerts for 2011-2012 draw deeply from Illinois' artistic spring. The Classical Series features Illinois resident and international piano virtuoso Jorge Osorio, trumpeter Jeffrey Holbrook and narrator Congressman Aaron Schock. Composers this season include Bradley University's John Orfe and Stephen Heinemann, and two long-neglected Illinois artists: Edward Collins (1886-1951) and Florence Price (1887-1953)—the first African-American woman to have her music performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO). Add our own Marcia Henry Liebenow, Manpreet Bedi, and the CSO's David Taylor and Richard Hirschl, and you can see how the world becomes Peoria—and Peoria the world. Finally, I am honored to welcome the legendary American conductor James DePreist to help open our season. These are only some of the luminaries gracing our stage!

The PSO is proud to collaborate with Bradley, Millikin and other universities, as well as the Central Illinois Youth Symphony and Peoria Area Civic Chorale and Youth Chorus. We will explore the music of Mahler, Beethoven and Brahms with these young musicians. You will also notice an ever-increasing presence by our musicians and guest artists in schools and universities.

We will also offer concerts featuring music from Broadway to the Renaissance with our wonderful new *PSO Presents!* series. And the newly formed Peoria Symphony Chamber Players will perform throughout the year at several locations, including Lakeview Museum, Eureka College, WTVP, Bradley University, in downtown Peoria at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall, and in Morton. Bring your lunch and break up the workweek with our Bankers' Hours musical events. The concerts are free, casual matinees at the historic GAR Hall. Finally, enjoy the return of our Noteworthy Events, subscription "Festivals Events," and The Illinois New Music Festival. Look for all of these additional announcements, mailings and listings on our website at peoriasymphony.org.

I'd also like to mention that our Peoria Symphony Guild will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year, and we plan to honor it in style. Please save the date of Saturday, June 23, 2012, when we will toast the Guild at a very special event at the Mt. Hawley Country Club.

Celebrate our region's talents and cultural diversity with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra!



Sincerely, George Stelluto, MUSIC DIRECTOR



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MORE MUSIC! MORE VENUES!

The PSO returns to our traditional home, the Peoria Civic Center Theater, but we are branching out as well—both east and west—and offering concerts on different days of the week. Join the PSO at Five Points Washington and the wonderful new Grace Presbyterian Church. You are sure to enjoy Grace's great views, clear acoustics and comfortable seating reminiscent of European concert halls. Our new season series and flex ticket options make it easy for you to purchase an entire series or build your own season. We know these changes might take some adjustment. Soon, season ticket holders will be invited to Grace to familiarize themselves with this lovely setting.

All of this year's concerts are listed in chronological order.

Classical Series concert titles are shown in red type.

PSO Presents! concert titles are shown in blue script.

» **Classical Series**

» *PSO Presents!*

A Pops, Family, Community Series

Classics 1

Saturday, September 17 | 8:00 p.m. | PEORIA CIVIC CENTER THEATER

Our season opener brings a cornucopia of musical inspiration to the Civic Center stage. Maestro Stelluto opens the concert with an inspiring new work by Composer-in-Residence John Orfe. Internationally acclaimed pianist Jorge Federico Osorio becomes the medium for Beethoven's genius. After intermission, legendary conductor James DePreist, winner of the National Medal of the Arts, brings a poet's heart and a philosopher's mind to the finale of Mahler's massive *Symphony No. 3*.

John Orfe ~ *Quest* (world premiere)

Ludwig van Beethoven ~ *Piano Concerto No. 4, Op. 58*

Jorge Federico Osorio, piano

Gustav Mahler ~ *Symphony No. 3: Finale*

James DePreist, GUEST CONDUCTOR



PSO PRESENTS!

*It Played First in Peoria
—then on Broadway!*

Friday, Sept. 23 | 7:00 p.m. | PEORIA CIVIC CENTER THEATER

Once Broadway's biggest hits played here first. Now, your Broadway favorites return home from the Great White Way. With guest celebrities from the Peoria and Chicago stage, the PSO brings you the music of Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers and more—with a little vaudeville thrown in for good measure.

Classics 2

Saturday, October 22 | 8:00 p.m. | GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Only 150 years ago, the Civil War erupted upon the nation, and composers ever since have been inspired to capture the gravity of the times. Composer Roy Harris will recreate the fields of Gettysburg, followed by Congressman Aaron Schock, who will narrate Copland's *A Lincoln Portrait*—quoting from the President's moving battlefield speech. Then, we are brought back to 1861 with the American premiere of Illinois composer Edward Joseph Collin's opera *Daughter of the South*. Watch for a variety of related concerts and educational events throughout the week sponsored by the PSO and other community organizations.

Roy Harris ~ *Symphony No. 6, "Gettysburg"*

Aaron Copland ~ *A Lincoln Portrait*

Congressman Aaron Schock, narrator

Louis Moreau Gottschalk ~ *Symphony No. 2, "Montevideo"*

Edward Joseph Collins ~ *Daughter of the South* (Abridged)

PSO PRESENTS!

Concert of Thanksgiving

Monday, November 21 | 7:00 p.m. | PEORIA CIVIC CENTER THEATER

Let the holidays begin with a spirit of thankfulness and generosity! Join the PSO, the Peoria Area Civic Chorale and its talented Youth Chorus for an evening of music, community and celebration. Bring the whole family, sing along with your friends, salute our service men and women, and contribute food for those in need. Special "holiday visitors" for the kids!

Classics 3

Saturday, January 14 | 8:00 p.m. | GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The evening opens with an intriguing composition by Bradley University composer Stephen Heinemann. The intrigue continues as Kurt Weill combines popular and classical styles in the engaging *Symphony No. 2*. Finally, Chicago Symphony Orchestra stars David Taylor and Richard Hirschl perform Brahms' yearning and expressive masterpiece, the composer's last foray in the orchestral realm.

Stephen Heinemann ~ *Metropassacaglia*

Kurt Weill ~ *Symphony No. 2*

Johannes Brahms ~ *Double Concerto, Op. 102*

David Taylor, violin Richard Hirschl, cello



PSO PRESENTS!

Valentine's Day: The Romantic Gershwins

Tuesday, February 14 | 8:00 p.m. | PEORIA CIVIC CENTER THEATER

Bring your "Funny Face" for a "Cheerful Little Earful" of the Gershwins' "Fascinating Rhythm!" Join us for this very special Valentine's Day concert, featuring returning pianist Richard Kogan and friends for a concert of George and Ira's romantic classics. A perfect concert for our 50/50 promotional program! Look online for this and other Valentine's Day.

George Gershwin ~ *American in Paris*
George & Ira Gershwin ~ *Song and Broadway Selections*
George Gershwin ~ *Rhapsody in Blue*
Richard Kogan, piano



Classics 4

Saturday, February 18 | 8:00 p.m. | PEORIA CIVIC CENTER THEATER

The Peoria Symphony Orchestra collaborates with the Central Illinois Youth Symphony for a special performance of the powerful music of Brahms and Mahler. CIYS alumnus Jeff Holbrook studied at The Juilliard School and is now Principal Trumpet of the Seoul Philharmonic in South Korea. He returns home as the soloist in the brilliant Arutiunian Trumpet Concerto.

Johannes Brahms ~ *Academic Festival Overture*
Alexander Arutiunian ~ *Trumpet Concerto*
Jeffrey Holbrook, trumpet
Gustav Mahler ~ *Symphony No. 1*

Classics 5

Tuesday, March 13 | 8:00 p.m. | PEORIA CIVIC CENTER THEATER

Peoria is truly an international community! We celebrate our cultural diversity by featuring composers of Lebanese, Chinese, Indian, Hispanic and African-American descent. Look for a variety of related events throughout the week sponsored by the PSO and members of our international community.

Houtaf Maroun Khoury ~ *Intermezzo for Orchestra*
Shirish Korde ~ *Svara Yantra: Concerto for Violin, Tabla and Orchestra*
Marcia Henry Liebenow, violin
Manpreet Bedi, tabla
Chen Yi ~ *Piano Concerto*
Qi Xu, piano
Carlos Chavez ~ *Paisajes Mexicanos*
Florence Beatrice Price ~ *Symphony in E Minor*





PSO PRESENTS!

Big Band Just Got Bigger!

Monday, March 26 | 7:00 p.m. | FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON

The PSO and the Bradley University Jazz Ensemble team up for a “hip” performance at Five Points. In an evening reminiscent of the beloved “Jazz at the Philharmonic” concerts in New York, everything from Big Band to Bebop will fill the hall as we pay special tribute to Illinois’ home-grown jazz artists such as Miles Davis, Benny Goodman, Ramsey Lewis, Herbie Hancock and Rachael Lee.



PSO PRESENTS!

Music in Sacred Places

Friday, April 13 | 7:00 p.m. |

The CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY

New York Polyphony, the preeminent male classical vocal quartet in the fields of early and new music, makes its Peoria debut in a concert of music of the Renaissance. Praised for a “rich, natural sound that’s larger and more complex than the sum of its parts,” the four men deliver dynamic performances in a wide range of styles. Their current CD, *Tudor City*, spent three weeks in the Top 10 of Billboard’s classical album chart. The New York Polyphony has participated in major concert series and festivals throughout the U.S. and Europe, including the Dallas Chamber Music Series, Ireland’s Pipeworks and Ardee Baroque Festivals, Denmark’s Vendsyssel Festival, and the Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center.

Classics 6

Saturday, April, 21 | 8:00 p.m. | GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Beethoven’s magnum opus implores mankind to seek peace, spiritual enlightenment and mutual understanding. Joined by the Bradley University Chorale and Community Chorus, the Millikin University Singers, and other area choristers, we end the season as we began, contemplating our world and beyond.

Ludwig van Beethoven ~ *Missa Solemnis in D major, Op. 123*

Bankers' Hours Musicales

The historic GAR Hall on Hamilton Boulevard in downtown Peoria will be a noon-time musical destination this season, as we present a series of free, one-hour matinees from September to February. You'll hear Mozart and Beethoven—but also Jazz, Gospel, songs from Peoria's Vaudeville days, and much more. Bring your lunch, and feel free to come and go as your schedule requires. Watch for mailings and postings on our website for dates and programs.

Noteworthy Events

Enjoy a variety of music in intimate settings with food and refreshments. At these events throughout the season, we'll relive the music of the Civil War era; explore the food, history and music of Lebanon; and celebrate the holidays. A list of all Noteworthy Events will reach your mailbox before the season begins.

BIG THINGS IN SMALL PACKAGES:

The PSO Chamber Players

The Peoria Symphony Orchestra is proud to bring its fantastic musicians to smaller venues throughout the region. The new Peoria Symphony Chamber Players will be performing this season at the Lakeview Museum, Eureka College, WTVP, Bradley University, in downtown Peoria at the GAR Hall, and in Morton. With exciting programming and innovative presentations, these performances will quickly become local favorites—wherever local happens to be. Look for additional announcements about these concerts and see the entire list of programs and dates at peoriasymphony.org.



EXPERIENCE YOUR PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

We believe that the Peoria Symphony Orchestra provides the best musical experience in central Illinois—and at a great value. No matter your taste, age or budget, we have a concert series and single tickets for you.

The Best Value—SEASON SERIES

Purchase one or more series and save up to 20% over single ticket prices. When you purchase one or both of our season series, you'll never miss a note, never stand in line and never hear a busy signal when calling for tickets. You'll also enjoy the same seats for the entire season, and get first choice on the best seats and priority for seat upgrades.

- Have the ability to turn in your tickets for a charitable deduction, allowing another music lover to enjoy the concert and giving you a full receipt for your tax records.
- Receive information ahead of the general public on PSO news and events via the mail, email and our Allegro newsletter.



Win a Musical Trip to Chicago

If you renew or purchase the Classical Series before June 30, you'll be entered into a drawing for a trip for two to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Purchase both the Classical and *PSO Presents!* series, and we'll double your chances to win! The trip includes transportation to and from Chicago, dinner at the Chicago Symphony Club, two prime tickets to a CSO performance, and overnight accommodations at one of the Loop's finer hotels.

Tell a Friend and Save

Do you have friends or family that love great music? Classical Series subscribers receive a 10% discount on their subscription cost when someone they refer purchases a Classical Series subscription (discount limited to the number of subscriptions under your name).

Design your own season—FLEX PASS

The Flex Pass lets you enjoy the Peoria Symphony your way, and at a savings over single ticket prices. The Flex Pass includes vouchers good for six main floor tickets to the Classics Series or five main floor tickets to the *PSO Presents!* series. They can be purchased at any time, and are priced the same as main floor Classics subscriptions (\$240) and main floor *PSO Presents!* subscriptions (\$158). Use one voucher for each concert in the series, or invite friends and use them all at once—you have complete control over how you attend the concerts. Call the PSO ticket line at 671-1096 to purchase.

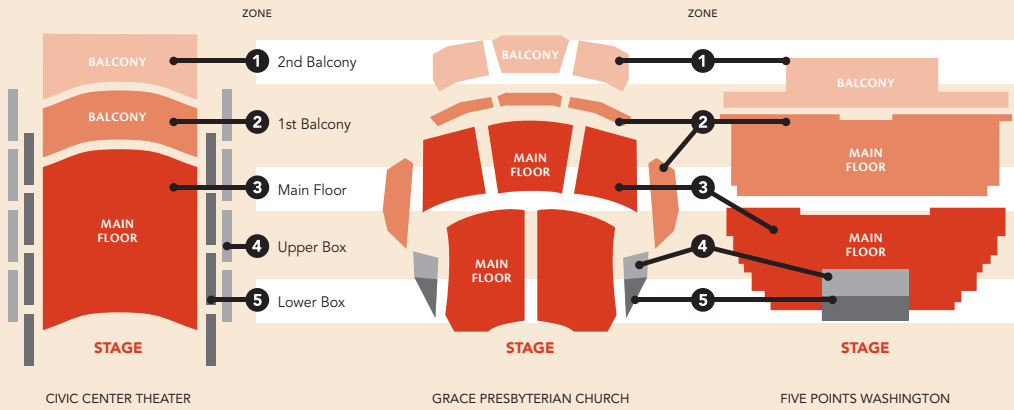
Single tickets—AND STUDENT DISCOUNT

Individual tickets for concerts range from \$25 to \$70, and go on sale July 18. Full-time students can purchase discounted tickets for \$11; identification is required.

BOX OFFICE LOCATION & HOURS The Peoria Symphony Box Office is located in the Foster Arts Center, 203 Harrison St. (corner of Washington and Harrison); 309-671-1096. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. peoriasymphony.org

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Call 671-1096 or mail in this form



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