CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CINCINNATI POPS
ANNOUNCE RE-IMAGINED PLANS FOR FALL 2020
FEATURING SEVEN FREE LIVE-STREAMED CONCERTS

Previously announced Music Hall concerts through January 3, 2021 are canceled; CSO European Tour is canceled

CINCINNATI, OH (July 27, 2020) – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and Cincinnati Pops have announced plans to live stream seven free Live From Music Hall concerts this fall as well as additional digital content and physically distanced, in-person events across the region under the CSO In Your Neighborhood banner in lieu of live public performances in Music Hall. Music Director Louis Langrée will conduct four CSO programs and Cincinnati Pops Conductor John Morris Russell will conduct three Pops programs, including a special digital version of the beloved Holiday Pops. The CSO will also produce educational content for the virtual learning environment as a digital continuation of their longstanding commitment to Young People’s Concerts (YPCs). Louis Langrée will conduct the first of the Live From Music Hall concerts on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

The seven Live From Music Hall digital events will feature new all-new material performed live and recorded by musicians from the CSO and Pops in accordance with safety protocols. The live-streamed programs will be available on the Orchestra’s website and social media channels, and the Orchestra is exploring the ability to offer increased free access to the community by broadcasting the live-streamed events on screens at public spaces in Fountain Square and Washington Park. Current CSO and Pops subscribers will receive advance and on-demand access, along with behind-the-scenes bonus content featuring the artists. The full schedule of programs will be announced at the end of August.

In addition to its virtual presence, the CSO and Pops will look to increase its robust schedule of neighborhood and community events with the expansion of CSO In Your Neighborhood, pop-up concerts in unexpected places and spaces throughout Greater Cincinnati featuring small ensembles of CSO musicians. Educational programming will support schools, educators and students in the region with free Young People’s Concerts, in-school programs and educator professional development activities available virtually. And, Cincinnati Symphony Youth
Orchestras will provide modified in-person activities and supplemental virtual activities available to all students.

“It’s more important than ever for us to be a resource for and accessible to our entire community, which is why we made the decision to make our seven Live from Music Hall digital events free,” said CSO President Jonathan Martin. “We are actively re-imagining our fall season and looking through the lens of diversity and inclusion as we showcase the exceptional talent and determination of the Orchestra and our artistic leadership. Music and art and are vital to our well-being, and, thanks to unwavering support from sponsors and donors, Live From Music Hall will help us continue to make meaningful connections with our audiences, our community and well beyond Cincinnati this fall. We very much look forward to the day we can all be together again, and pledge to do so as soon as we can. In the meantime, we are committed to the safety and well-being of our musicians, staff, and audiences until it is responsible for us to return to Music Hall for public performances.”

The pandemic has also caused the cancelation this fall of the CSO’s 2020 European tour with Louis Langrée as well as a pre-tour performance at Lincoln Center in New York City as part of the Great Performers series.

Since mid-March, when the pandemic forced the suspension of large public gatherings, the CSO and Pops have remained connected with local and global audiences through the creation of new digital content and physically distanced pop-up concerts and events with musicians from the Orchestra under the CSO In Your Neighborhood umbrella. This fall, the CSO will continue to create and curate original content for its social media platforms and for Orchestra at Home, an array of performances and aggregated resources on cincinnatisymphony.org. Orchestra at Home provides links to virtual concerts and other live streamed experiences produced since the beginning of the pandemic; performance and educational videos by CSO musicians (including a series of world premieres catalyzed by The Fanfare Project); education programs supplementing and supporting home learning and schools as they acclimate to new teaching environments; and a collection of archived CSO and Pops videos, podcasts and recordings.

Subscribers to the CSO or Pops’ 2020-21 season who have tickets to fall 2020 concerts will be contacted directly by the Box Office with their options. Questions can be directed to the CSO Box Office at (513) 381-3300.

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