Elmhurst Symphony Announces Musicians at Mayslake

A harpsichord, a cello, violins, and a string ensemble will be featured in three concerts in the 2014-15 ESO Musicians at Mayslake season beginning on November 20. What could be more enjoyable than an afternoon or evening of beautiful music played by outstanding musicians in the spectacular yet intimate performance space at Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook? Delights in store for those attending include a program of music by Bach, a performance featuring greatest hits of the Baroque era, and a toe-tapping classical jazz concert showcasing works by Gershwin and Duke Ellington, among others. You won't want to miss a single one of these exciting events!

Beautiful Bach
Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
ESO Principal Cellist Sara Sitzer with Music Director Stephen Alltop perform Three Sonatas for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord by Johann Sebastian Bach. These sonatas blend movements of great poignancy with some of the most virtuosic music ever written for this combination of instruments. Dr. Alltop will also provide an opportunity for audience members to learn just how a harpsichord works, and to see the beautiful artwork painted on the harpsichord's soundboard.

Viva Vivaldi!
Saturday, January 17, 2015, 2:30 p.m.
Enjoy some of the greatest hits of the Baroque era. You will be amazed by the stellar gifts of the young violin phenom Garam Kim playing Vivaldi's popular The Four Seasons. ESO Concertmaster Rika Seko and Associate Concertmaster Kathleen Carter will be featured in Vivaldi's rousing Concerto Grosso in D minor and Bach’s beloved Concerto for Two Violins. This will be a hot ticket in a cold month!

Classic Jazz- with strings attached!
Thursday, May 28, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
The Elmhurst Symphony String Ensemble, conducted by Alison Gaines, will present a program featuring works by Gershwin and Duke Ellington with selections from Porgy and Bess, including Summertime and It Ain't Necessarily So, and Ellington hits Take the ‘A’ Train, Caravan, and Mood Indigo, among others. Expect a few surprises, too!

Mayslake Peabody Estate is located at 1717 West 31st Street, Oak Brook, Illinois. Adult, senior, and student tickets are available. Please visit www.elmhurstsymphony.org to purchase tickets, or call the ESO Box Office at 630-941-0202.

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