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## Tony Award-Winning Actor Brian Dennehy Headlines First Concert of the Elmhurst Symphony's 55th Season

"A Season of Celebration" promises to bring excitement and musical delights to Elmhurst Symphony audiences as both Stephen Alltop, ESO's Music Director, and Rika Seko, ESO Concertmaster, celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversaries with the orchestra. Concert programs ranging from Mozart to Copland are sure to please a wide range of musical tastes, and special events throughout the season will infuse the concert experience with a celebratory flavor.

The season opener on October 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm, "Copland's Music of the Heartland," features the acclaimed stage, screen and television actor Brian Dennehy, who will narrate two remarkable works: Copland's *A Lincoln Portrait* and Schwantner's *New Morning for the World*, based on the powerful speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. Stanger Young Artist Audition winner Joshua Brown plays Waxman's *Carmen Fantasie*, and the ESO performs the *Suite* from another Copland favorite, *Appalachian Spring*. A barbeque dinner with two seatings will precede the concert, and Dennehy will join guests for a brief visit during this time. Reservations are required; please visit [www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org) for ticket information and details.

"Mozart Madness," featuring six of the finest singers in Chicago performing arias and scenes from three of Mozart's operatic masterpieces, with staging and supertitles, follows in November. In January, "Vivaldi, Telemann and Beyond" offers glorious gems of the Baroque period by Vivaldi, Telemann and other favorite composers, performed by members of the ESO. The Apollo Chorus takes center stage in March when it joins forces with the ESO and a stellar cast of soloists in a not-to-be-missed performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. The season ends in May with "Mutual Admiration: Beethoven, Mozart and Tchaikovsky," highlighted by Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante in E flat*, performed by Rika Seko and her long-time friend, Venezuelan-born violist Anibal Dos Santos, and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4 in F minor*.

Concert dates are as follows:

Copland: Music of the Heartland

Saturday, October 17, 2015, 7:00 pm

Mozart Madness

Sunday, November 15, 2015, 3:00 pm

Vivaldi, Telemann and Beyond!

Sunday, January 24, 2016, 3:00 pm

Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

Sunday, March 13, 2016, 3:00 pm

Mutual Admiration: Beethoven, Mozart & Tchaikovsky

Saturday, May 7, 2016, 7:00 pm

You can still subscribe for the 55th season of the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra as it performs in the state-of-the-art facility at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. In this spectacular season the Symphony will offer five different concerts; patrons can choose packages of three to five concerts for any dates ranging in cost from \$85 to \$125 with savings of as much as 30% compared to single ticket prices. Those who become ESO members by subscribing will receive not only a substantial discount from single ticket prices but also discounts on additional single ticket purchases, free exchange of ticket dates for most concerts, and invitations to subscriber-only events. To become a member or request a season brochure, call [\(630\) 941-0202](tel:630-941-0202) or visit [www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org).