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Be prepared for a season of spectacular music-making when the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop, opens its 58th season of exhilarating musical adventures on Sunday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church with a concert of music that will make your heart sing. Soprano Michele Areyzaga joins the ESO in “Bernstein Spectacular” to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the legendary composer and conductor’s birth. You will thrill to music from Mass, West Side Story, and Candide along with Aaron Copland’s Suite from Our Town. Also on the program is 2018 Stanger Young Artist Audition winner, violist Margaret O’Malley, playing Bruch’s Romance in F major. Join us for this unforgettable afternoon of music.

To make your Bernstein experience complete you will not want to miss a special showing of “West Side Story” at the York Theater in Elmhurst on Sunday, September 23 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased on the ESO website www.elmhurstsymphony.org, by calling the ESO Box Office at 630-941-0202, or at the door.

In keeping with its tradition of contributing to the community, the ESO will be accepting donations of non-food items for the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry at the concert. Concertgoers are invited to bring paper and cleaning products and personal care items for all ages of pantry clients.

Concert tickets, which can be purchased on the ESO web site or by calling the Box Office, are \$35 for adults, \$32 for seniors, and \$12 for students. Group and family rates are also available. Save on ticket costs by purchasing a three, four or five-concert 2018-19 season subscription on the ESO website, by calling the Box Office, or at the October 7 concert. Subscriber benefits include purchase of additional single tickets for \$25, free exchange of tickets (conditions apply), and subscriber-only special gatherings. For more information call the Box Office.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church is located at [149 W. Brush Hill Rd.](#) in Elmhurst. The church has accessible parking and facilities; parking is free. The concert experience at ECRC is enhanced by the informative and lively discussion, Behind the Music Stand, led by audience favorite Dr. Ted Hatmaker, which takes place at 1:45 p.m. prior to the concert.

The 58th season of the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra is made possible in part by grants from the City of Elmhurst, the Illinois Arts Council (a state agency), the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, and 90.9FM WDCB, Chicago’s Home for Jazz.

