Well-loved orchestral masterpieces and dazzling performances by vocal and instrumental soloists await you in the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra’s highly-anticipated 58th season of music-making, “Musical Masters,” under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop. Concert programs will offer music 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 ESO’s home at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church offers a spectacular contemporary space in which to enjoy not-to-be-missed performances with family and friends.

You will want to be at each concert to appreciate all the season offers, beginning with a memorable program celebrating the music of Leonard Bernstein. French composers are showcased in the second concert of the season, followed by a January program featuring music of German baroque masters. Symphonies of Prokofiev and Mozart take center stage in March, and the season comes to an exciting conclusion in May with Mahler’s Symphony No. 5.

The season opener on Sunday, October 7, at 3:00 pm, “Bernstein Spectacular,” features soprano Michelle Areyzaga in a thrilling afternoon of Leonard Bernstein vocal and instrumental favorites that will touch your heart and make it sing. Copland’s Suite from Our Town is also on this unforgettable program. November brings “French Connections,” showcasing the formidable talents of organist Michael Surratt and pianist Adam Nieman and music of Bizet, Chopin, and Saint-Saëns. In January, “Trumpet Glory: German Baroque Masters,” will thrill you with music of Telemann, C.P.E. Bach and Handel, displaying the amazing talents of soloists from the ESO.

In March violinist Jasmine Lin takes center stage in “Classical Delights,” a captivating afternoon of music by Prokofiev and Mozart. The season ends in May with “Mahler Immersion!,” a grand night of powerful and thrilling music that will bring the season to a rousing conclusion.

Concert dates are as follows:

- Bernstein Spectacular: Sunday, October 7, 2018, 3:00 pm
- French Connections: Sunday, November 11, 2018, 3:00 pm
- Trumpet Glory: German Baroque Masters: Sunday, January 27, 2019, 3:00 pm
- Classical Delights: Saturday, March 2, 2019, 7:00 pm
- Mahler Immersion! Saturday, May 4, 2019, 7:00 pm

You can subscribe now for the 58th season of the Elmhurst Symphony. In this season of stellar musical experiences the Symphony will offer five different concerts; patrons can choose packages of three to five concerts for any dates. Early bird subscriptions ranging in cost from $90 to $130, with savings of as much as 28% compared to single ticket prices, are available through May 31. Those who become ESO members by subscribing will also receive substantial 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 or visit www.elmhurstsymphony.org.

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