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The second concert of the Elmhurst Symphony's 58th season, on Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m., welcomes you to an afternoon of music of beloved composers with French connections: Chopin, Saint-Saëns, and Bizet. Chopin's beautiful Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor features the spectacular talents of Adam Neiman, an ESO audience favorite. Acclaimed organist Michael Surratt shines in Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 3 (Organ Symphony), and the ESO rounds out the program with the well-loved Carmen Suite No. 1 by Bizet. C'est magnifique!

In honor of Veterans' Day, the orchestra will perform Armed Forces Salute. Veterans and active duty members of the military are invited to come in uniform. Tickets for all current, retired and former military personnel will be offered at half-price.

You are invited to continue the French theme by joining the ESO for dinner at Mon Ami Gabi in Oak Brook following the concert. The menu includes a choice of three entrees, soup du jour or salad, and a dessert trio. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased on the ESO web site (www.elmhurstsymphony.org.)

This concert is underwritten in part by generous gifts from Jane and the late Richard Kiep (Saint-Saëns), Raita Vilnins (Adam Neiman), and Hadley Pihi (in honor of Michael Surratt.) It is dedicated to the memory of long-time Elmhurst Symphony volunteer and friend, Richard Kiep.

The Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop, performs in the beautiful contemporary venue of Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 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.

Concert tickets, which can be purchased on the ESO web site or by calling the Box Office at 630-941-0202, 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 or four-concert 2018-19 season subscription on the ESO website, by calling the Box Office or at the November 11 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.

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