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Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Announces Season Opening Virtual Program: Heavenly Harp and Beautiful Brass: A French Connection

The Elmhurst Symphony is back! You are invited to join ESO members, friends and musicians for the first of two virtual fall musical programs, available Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. through November 6. *Heavenly Harp & Beautiful Brass: A French Connection* features audience favorite, ESO Principal Harp Janelle Lake, as soloist in Ravel's magical Introduction and Allegro for Harp and Orchestra, a showpiece for the harp and chamber ensemble. Lake will be joined by ESO Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop in Grandjany's Aria in Classic Style for Harp and Organ. Complementing the shimmering delicacy of the harp will be works for brass: the majestic Fanfare pour précéder La Péri by Dukas, and Gottschalk's lively Souvenir de Porto Rico.

Maestro Alltop will also provide commentary on the music and composers, including the connections between them, their international influence on music, and the background and meaning of these works. Rounding out the program will be interviews with ESO members Sarah Carrillo, trumpet, about her musical life during the Covid-19 pandemic; Matthew Gaunt, tuba; and Janelle Lake, who has been Principal Harp of the ESO for fifteen years.

Enjoy this marvelous program at a time convenient for you from the comfort of your home—a great way to brighten your day!

Tickets for the program are \$28 for adults and \$25 for seniors and can be purchased on the ESO website, [www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org), by calling the ESO office at 630-941-0202, or by sending a check to Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, P.O Box 345, Elmhurst, IL 60126. For more information email [elmhurstsymphonytix@gmail.com](mailto:elmhurstsymphonytix@gmail.com).

