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**PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES HAYDN & MOZART
AND FOOD DRIVE**



PEORIA, IL – The Peoria Symphony Orchestra continues their 123rd Season with ***Haydn & Mozart***, featuring **Adriana LaRosa Ransom**, cello. “Papa Haydn” and his tremendous musical son Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart bring you the poise, joy, and charm of the Classical Era. They invite you to find your best self in this program of uplifting music.

Filmed without an audience due to COVID-19 precautions, the PSO is excited to make the concert available to the entire community at no cost on both television and radio. Viewers can tune in to the WTVP World 47.3 channel on **Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 8:00 PM** to watch the concert. Full channel listings can be found on the PSO website. Additionally, the concert will air on **Friday, April 2 at 8:00 PM** on 89.9 WCBU Peoria Public Radio and 89.1 WGLT Bloomington-Normal’s Public Media. The concert will be available to stream on their respective websites at the time of the airing.

Regarding the *Haydn & Mozart* concert, Maestro Stelluto comments:

"The charm, elan, and ebullience of this program captures the very essence of Spring's awakening and nature's beautiful inspirations!"

When putting the concert together, Maestro Stelluto notes that he was looking for music that would reflect hope and inspire the best us collectively. "It was just great fun! We all need these things now."

The concert features PSO principal cellist **Adriana LaRosa Ransom**, Associate Professor of Cello and Director of String Project and the Community School for the Arts at Illinois State University. As a soloist, Dr. Ransom has recently appeared with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, the Illinois State Wind Symphony, and the Illinois State Symphony Orchestra. She has also appeared as a guest artist on notable solo and chamber music recital series, including the Peoria Bach Festival, Chicago Cello Society concerts, the Trinity Lutheran Candlelight Concert Series, and at universities throughout the Midwest. She is the recipient of the College of Fine Arts Outstanding Teacher Award, the College of Fine Arts Outstanding Service Award, and the Illinois American String Teachers Association Distinguished Service Award.

Those tuning in to the concert will hear Joseph Haydn's *Symphony No. 96*, "The Miracle," so-called because a chandelier in the concert hall fell at the premiere without injuring anyone—though this story is probably apocryphal. Next, Adriana LaRosa Ransom will shine in Joseph Haydn's sentimental and lively *Cello Concerto in C Major*. Finally, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Symphony No. 41 in C Major "Jupiter"* is equal parts nostalgic, grand, and joyous.

Preceding the concert, Maestro Stelluto will once again be releasing several **#PSOAtHome** videos to help viewers and subscribers dive deeper into the music. Tune in on Wednesday, March 24 at Noon on Facebook to watch a virtual **Lunch and Learn**, where Maestro George Stelluto discusses the music of the upcoming concert, along with delightful performances from cellists Adriana LaRosa Ransom and Bianca d'Avila do Prado. Additionally, PSO patrons are invited to join Maestro Stelluto on the Peoria Symphony Orchestra's Facebook page at 7:30 PM on Saturday, March 27, for **Upbeat**, a pre-concert discussion.

In addition to our *Haydn & Mozart* concert that is airing on WTVP World 47.3 on Saturday, March 27 at 8:00 PM, the PSO is once again participating in a **food drive** to benefit the Peoria Area Food Bank on the same day from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM.

Join us for a drive-through drop-off of non-perishable food outside of the PSO Office at 101 State Street, Peoria (outside of the WTVP building). Click here for a PDF list of items needed: <https://peoriasymphony.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/most-needed-items.pdf>. PSO staff and volunteers will collect items from your vehicle. We ask that those dropping off food wear a mask.

Over the past twelve years, Orchestras Feeding America has seen over 370 orchestras from across the country collect and donate more than 530,000 pounds of food. The efforts of these orchestras have helped spread the word about how and why orchestras are so necessary to their communities, beyond providing amazing music.

The PSO has hosted food drives as part of Orchestras Feeding America in the last two years, collecting over **1000 pounds** of food for the local area—including 500 pounds in 2021 alone.

Haydn & Mozart is sponsored by The Peoria Symphony Guild, and underwritten by Sid and Flo Banwart, Conductor's Circle, and The Meredith Foundation. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

You can stay informed about the PSO by visiting peoriasymphony.org, the PSO's Facebook (facebook.com/peoriasymphony), Instagram (@peoriasymphony), and Twitter (@peoriasymphony) accounts. Those with questions can email patronservices@peoriasymphony.org or call 309.671.1096.

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