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Louisville Orchestra Returns to Live and In-Person Concerts

Announcing Two FREE Outdoor Performances of “AMERICAN SOUL”

**Two free in-person concerts open the season:
May 22 at the Belvedere and May 26 at Shawnee Park.**

"American Soul" features Louisville voices Jason Clayborn and Daria Raymore singing music by James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye and more. Both outdoor performances are completely free but reservations are required.

(7 May 2021... Louisville KY) The Louisville Orchestra announces two live, outdoor performances that will be free to the public on Saturday, May 22 at the Belvedere at Riverfront Park in downtown Louisville and on Wednesday, May 26 at Shawnee Park. Both concerts start at 8:00 pm and, though free admission, advance registration is required due to limited seating. Social distanced seating will limit the number of people who can be admitted.

Teddy Abrams will lead the Orchestra in a program titled “AMERICAN SOUL.” Vocalists Jason Clayborn and Daria Raymore are featured in music of Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, James Brown and more.

“We’re so excited to play for an audience in real life,” says Teddy Abrams, music director and conductor of the Louisville Orchestra. “Let’s bring Louisville back together again as a community with wonderful music and Daria and Jason ... two fantastic singers, and the outstanding talents of the Louisville Orchestra musicians. I’m so pleased to offer these

concerts in the heart of downtown near our traditional home at the Kentucky Center and in the beautiful Shawnee Park in Louisville's West End."

In addition to the Soul music program, the LO will perform a moving work titled *Elegy: A Cry from the Grave* by Carlos Simon. Dedicated to those who have been murdered wrongfully by an oppressive power, the piece is predominantly sorrowful and contemplative though moments of bright hope still shine through.

FREE BUT RSVP REQUIRED

To comply with current COVID guidelines, seating will be available in household "pods" of up to 6 people. Pods may be reserved by going to the Louisville Orchestra website and filling out the online RSVP form. Capacity limits are currently being evaluated by the Louisville Metro Parks dept.

"We are working with city personnel to get picnic tables for the audience but blankets and personal seating are also part of an outdoor parks concert," says LO Marketing Director Michelle Winters. Picnic items are welcome but alcohol and glass containers are not allowed.

Saturday, May 22, 2021 (Rain date, Sunday, May 23 at 3:00 pm)
8:00 pm

American Soul at The Belvedere

141 N. 6th Street, Louisville

Link to RSVP: <https://louisvilleorchestra.org/product/rsvp-belvedere/>

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (Rain date, Thursday, May 27 at 8:00 pm)
8:00 pm

American Soul at Shawnee Park

4501 W. Broadway, Louisville

Link to RSVP: <https://louisvilleorchestra.org/product/rsvp-shawnee-park/>



Jason Clayborn



Daria Raymore

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