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LO Announces New, Free Community-Centered Concert Series
Outdoor Concerts on September 10 & 11 to Kick Off
2022-23 Season of Creativity
MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS Brings Free Concerts to Louisville Neighborhoods
Throughout the Season

(Louisville, KY... Aug 15, 2022) The Louisville Orchestra is pleased to announce a brand-new series of free concerts as the LO's MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS series is presented throughout Metro Louisville starting with two outdoor performances on September 10 and 11, followed by nine performance across the California, Shelby Park, and Jeffersontown neighborhoods. The Louisville Orchestra performs at Iroquois Amphitheater at 8pm on Saturday, September 10 and at Shawnee Park at 3pm on Sunday, September 11. Doors open one hour before the concert. No tickets are required and the public is urged to bring personal seating to the Shawnee Park event.

Presented with the support of Jim and Irene Karp, Louisville Metro's HeARTS program, and the Fund for the Arts, our traditional MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS concerts are offered with a brand-new expansion for the 2022-2023 season. All concerts will be free – removing the economic barriers to enjoying the essential public service that the LO represents. The multi-faceted program will help achieve Metro Louisville's goal of Building Community and Healing after the challenges of the last several years – unifying and inspiring neighbors in the unique way of the arts.

Music Director Teddy Abrams explains, "The journey toward reinventing the Louisville Orchestra as an essential public service for our city has re-centered us to use all our creative power to affect momentous cultural change. We strive to make the LO truly an orchestra *of* and *for* the people. Our city will thrive by finding the communal inspiration and strength necessary to confront whatever challenges we face in the future. Music Without Borders is our vehicle to accelerate community recovery and connection."

In its new iteration, the Music Without Borders programs will emphasize appearances by the LO in selected neighborhoods. Returning at least every three months throughout the concert season to specific venues, the LO will bring a wide range of orchestral music and activities to residents seeking creative enrichment and a place to gather and share in the arts.

For the 2022-2023 season, the neighborhoods chosen for these concerts reflect the diverse range of Louisville's residents. Venues included for these concerts (more will be added throughout the season) are the **California Community Center** (1600 West St. Catherine Street in California Park, 40210), the **Logan Street Market** (1001 Logan Street in Shelby

Park, 40204), **The Jeffersonian** (10617 Taylorsville Rd, Jeffersontown 40299), the **Iroquois Amphitheater** (1080 Amphitheater Rd, South Louisville 40214), and **Shawnee Park** (4501 W. Broadway in West Louisville, 40211).

Additional Community Activities

In addition to concerts, an array of arts activities will surround the performances building connections within the selected communities through in-school activities, musician engagements in community centers, integration with the LO Creators Corps program, and music-making at all levels.

The LO's second year presenting the "Once Upon An Orchestra" concerts in conjunction with the Louisville Free Public Libraries is also part of this free concert and outreach effort. Last season 21 storytelling with music concerts were presented by LO ensembles and reached every branch library in the LFPL system. Hundreds of families found their way back to the libraries for the first time in many months during these presentations during the 2021-22 season.

When awarding the Louisville Orchestra funding support for this program, Mayor Greg Fischer said, "This partnership with the City, the Louisville Orchestra, and Fund for the Arts is a commitment to the health, well-being, and healing of the neighborhoods and people of our community. Working together across agencies ensures a sustainability of impact that none of us are able to accomplish on our own. We look forward to building these and many other collaborations to honor the inherent creativity and artistic power of every person in our community."

ADMISSION

These concerts are free. Reservations in advance are requested for the indoor concerts. No RSVP is required for the outdoor events. Link to <https://louisvilleorchestra.org/mwob-register/> to secure a reservation. Or simply stop by the check-in table at the concert. Doors open 90 minutes before the performance.

Additional concerts will be added as scheduling permits.

PERFORMANCES

SAT 10 SEP at 8PM

Iroquois Park Amphitheater

SUN 11 SEP at 3PM

Shawnee Park

Rei Hotoda, conductor

Lara Downes, piano

A program featuring music of American men and women composers including George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Paola Prestini's tribute to the 19th Amendment for women's suffrage *Let Me See the Sun*.

"Symphonic Sparks"

THU 27 OCT at 7:30PM

The Jeffersonian

FRI 28 OCT at 7:30PM

Logan Street Market

SAT 29 OCT at 7:30PM

California Community Center

Teddy Abrams, conductor

A program featuring two popular romantic orchestral masterworks and music by a member of the LO Creators Corps: *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius, *Fictional Migrations* by Lisa Bielawa, and the Symphony No. 9 by Dmitri Shostakovich. Two

selection explores the theme of freedom from different perspectives – as an individual and as a country. The third is a humorous and magical romp through the colors of the orchestra.

“Love at First Listen”

THU 16 FEB at 7:30PM

The Jeffersonian

FRI 17 FEB at 7:30PM

Logan Street Market

SAT 18 FEB at 7:30PM

California Community Center

Gabriel Lefkowitz, conductor and violin

A program featuring music that laid the foundations of classical music: the Concerto for Violin & Oboe by J. S. Bach and the Symphony No. 5 by Franz Schubert

“An American Flair”

THU 23 MAR at 7:30PM

The Jeffersonian

FRI 24 MAR at 7:30PM

Logan Street Market

SAT 25 MAR at 7:30PM

California Community Center

Kelly Corcoran, conductor

A program featuring music of Americans inspired by the energy and diversity of our country including the Overture to *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein, *The Tender Land Suite* by Aaron Copland, and music by LO Creators Corps member TJ Cole.

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