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Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra Presents Summervisik

The new sound of summer in Cincinnati!

Cincinnati, OH – This summer the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra will debut its new festival season, **SUMMERMUSIK**, with a gala party and concert on **August 15, 2015**. Then, for 20 days, Summervisik will transform Cincinnati into a cultural gathering place where audiences will enjoy transformative experiences that connect the musically curious.

“As a resident of our fine city, I have a special place in my heart for its passionate and versatile artists,” said **CCO interim music director Kelly Kuo**. “It is those qualities that allow us to showcase repertoire for ensembles of different sizes. In our first summer festival season, the CCO will be covering a wide range of styles while also remaining grounded in the works of the great classical masters.”

Summervisik will offer three different concert experiences - each designed to provide something unique for everyone’s musical tastes. CCO fans will be able to attend full chamber orchestra concerts at SCPA’s Corbett Theater; which will feature a collaboration with actors from **Cincinnati Shakespeare Company**, and special guest artists including: superstar soprano **Sarah Coburn**, local gypsy jazz artists the **Faux Frenchmen**, violinist **Cho-Liang Lin**, double bassist **DaXun Zhang**, and the **2015 winner of the National Chopin Competition, Eric Lu**. Each concert will be preceded by interactive *Prelude Talks*, hosted by Kelly Kuo and free to all concert attendees, which will provide fascinating introductions to the works and artists on that evening’s program.

Summervisik will also present a Sunday afternoon matinee three concert series called **A Little Afternoon Musik**. These concerts will take place at three different venues - including CCM on the University of Cincinnati campus, the Mercantile Library downtown, and Unwind Wine Bar in Hyde Park. These will be informal gatherings where patrons can sit close to the musicians in a casual atmosphere. These 4PM concerts will offer intimate opportunities to see the flying fingers of the National Chopin Competition winner, to hear the power and beauty of Sarah Coburn’s voice up close, and to enjoy a glass of wine with a relaxing performance by CCO’s stellar woodwind musicians.

Four exciting **Chamber Crawl** concerts will round out the Summervisik experience. These will take place at night in a variety of favorite bars in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. The CCO will partner with **Classical Revolution** at

Northside Tavern to kick off the Chamber Crawl series. Other concerts will include *MicroBrass* at York Street Café, *The Fab Five* featuring guest artist and local guitar great Roger Klug, and *All About That Bass* at Scene Ultra Lounge with hip double bassist DaXun Zhang. These will be interactive musical experiences, where both musicians and patrons alike can relax and have fun with great music. Plus, each event will include a fun food or beverage add-on with the ticket price.

Experience the new sound of summer in Cincinnati! Patrons can create their own Summermusik experience by subscribing for as low as \$80. Subscribe by May 4 to reserve the best seats at these exciting Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra summer concerts that promise to be some of the coolest events in town!

Summermusik – August 15 through September 3, 2015

Opening Night – The Food of Love Fête | Music Hall Ballroom

Saturday, August 15 | 5:30pm Cocktail Hour | 6:15pm Dinner | Music Hall Ballroom

Kick off Summermusik in style at *The Food of Love Fête* preceding our opening night concert. Join us for an elegant soirée to toast our 2015 Pinnacle and Rising Star Award honorees and the opening of Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra's Summermusik. This gala event will set the mood for a performance of beautiful music by your Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra. Meet CCO interim music director Kelly Kuo and enjoy an exciting evening out on the town while helping to support the artistic and educational programming of the Chamber Orchestra.

Summermusik Concert Events

Opening Night – CCO: The Food of Love Concert

Saturday, August 15 | 8pm | SCPA Corbett Theater

Prelude Talk: 7:15pm | Mayerson Theater

Summermusik's opening concert, *The Food of Love*, plays on the romantic notion of Shakespeare's quote from his play *Twelfth Night*: "If music be the food of love, play on." The concert will open with a collaborative work by artists from Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, sharing dramatic excerpts from *Hamlet* on stage with the CCO.

Stephen Storace: Overture to *Gli equivoci* (The Comedy of Errors) **(CCO Premiere)**

Dmitri Shostakovich: Hamlet, Suite from the Theatre, Op. 32a

featuring artists from the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

Chopin: Piano Concerto #1 in E minor, Op. 11

featuring the 2015 National Chopin Competition Winner, Eric Lu

A Little Afternoon Musik: Summer Sonata

Sunday, August 16 | 4pm | UC College-Conservatory of Music Werner Recital Hall

Recital featuring the 2015 National Chopin Competition Winner, Eric Lu

Get up-close-and-personal with the newly-crowned winner of the 2015 National Chopin Competition before he takes the stage in Poland this October as the United States' representative for the International Chopin Competition, the "oldest and most prestigious music competition in the world."

Repertoire to be named at a later date.

Chamber Crawl: CCO @ Classical Revolution
Sunday, August 16 | 8pm | Northside Tavern

FREE event!

Experience the CCO in a new way at our first Chamber Crawl event of the Summermusik festival season! Musicians from the Chamber Orchestra will join our friends at Northside Tavern for Classical Revolution, “a global movement dedicated to bringing classical music to the people.” Sit back, grab a drink, and be a fly on the wall while our musicians read works of Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart, Piazzolla and maybe a little Jimi Hendrix.

Chamber Crawl: MicroBrass
Friday, August 21 | 9pm | York Street Café

An exciting and interactive evening of brass and brews as the CCO brass players bring their talent to Northern Kentucky. Test your musical knowledge and your palette by matching brass quintet works with beer tastings from around the world, included in your ticket price.

Tylman Susato: Flemish Renaissance suite

Giuseppe Verdi, Arr. Woolard: Drinking Song (Libiamo ne' lieti calici) from *La Traviata*
featuring Ashley Hall, trumpet

Antonin Dvořák: Slavonic Dance, Op. 46: No. 1

Eric Ewazen: Colchester Fantasy (Four movements: The Rose and Crown, The Marquis of Granby, The Dragoon, The Red Lion)

W.C. Handy: St. Louis Blues

CCO: From Russia with Love
Saturday, August 22 | 8pm | SCPA Corbett Theater
Prelude Talk: 7:15pm | Mayerson Theater

Back by popular demand after her mesmerizing CCO debut last season, sensational coloratura soprano Sarah Coburn once again graces our stage. This concert features a trio of beautifully expressive Russian works by Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky. The CCO is also thrilled to present music from John Barry's score of *From Russia With Love*, arranged by Cincinnati's talented Scot Woolley.

Igor Stravinsky: Concerto in E-flat (“Dumbarton Oaks”)

Reinhold Glière: Concerto for Coloratura Soprano (**CCO Premiere**)
featuring Sarah Coburn, soprano

Sergei Rachmaninoff: Vocalise
featuring Sarah Coburn, soprano

John Barry (arr. Woolley): Music from the score of *From Russia With Love* (**World Premiere**)

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Suite No. 4, Op. 61 (“Mozartiana”)

A Little Afternoon Musik: Russian Serenade With Sarah
Sunday, August 23 | 4pm | Mercantile Library

Accompanied by interim music director Kelly Kuo in his only Summermusik appearance at the piano, a CCO string quartet and soprano Sarah Coburn will join forces in a variety of small-scale pieces that will paint an intimate picture of some of your favorite Russian composers.

Alexander Borodin: String Quartet No. 2

Sergei Rachmaninoff:

How fair this spot, Op. 21, No. 7

The Spring Waters, Op.14, No.11

Oh, never sing to me again, Op. 4, No. 4

featuring Sarah Coburn, soprano, and Kelly Kuo, piano

Dmitri Shostakovich: Piano Quintet in G Minor, Op. 57

featuring Kelly Kuo, piano

Sergei Rachmaninoff: Vocalise

Chamber Crawl: The Fab Five

Friday, August 28 | 9pm | DownTowne Listening Room

Come hear a classical twist on the music of one of the greatest rock bands of all time, The Beatles. A CCO string quartet will be joined by guitarist and Beatles aficionado, Roger Klug, who will share fun facts about popular songs from the British Invasion.

Lennon/McCartney: "Yesterday"

Lennon/McCartney: "Eleanor Rigby"

Lennon/McCartney: "Strawberry Fields Forever"

Lennon/McCartney: "I Am The Walrus"

And a few other favorites TBA

CCO: Le Voyage European

Saturday, August 29 | 8pm | SCPA Corbett Theater

Prelude Talk: 7:15pm | Mayerson Theater

Your European adventure begins in the Czech Republic with Mozart's "Prague" Symphony; continues on to Paris for the orchestral premiere of gypsy jazz artists the Faux Frenchmen, and ends in Vienna with the symphony that marked the turning point in the career of a young Beethoven. The CCO welcomes guest conductor Karina Canellakis, whose style was hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "brisk, propulsive and exquisitely detailed."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Symphony No. 38 in D Major, K. 504 ("Prague")

Four original songs:

Don Aren: Edna's Knot **(World Premiere)**

George Cunningham: Daisy Allen's Waltz **(World Premiere)**

Paul Patterson: Chromatic Drag **(World Premiere)**

Brian Lovely: Trading Knick-Knacks for Macaws **(World Premiere)**

featuring the Faux Frenchmen

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21

Guest Conductor: **Karina Canellakis**

A Little Afternoon Musik: Unwind with Woodwinds
Sunday, August 30 | 4pm | Unwind Wine Bar Hyde Park

Sit back, relax and *Unwind with Woodwinds* at the final Sunday matinee of Summermusik. This program will be the perfect pairing of works for woodwind quintet by Mozart, Beethoven and D’Rivera in the warm, contemporary environment of Unwind Wine Bar in Hyde Park. This concert will feature CCO players: Rebecca Andres, flute; Chris Philpotts, oboe; John Kurokawa, clarinet; Hugh Michie, bassoon; and Randy Gardner, horn.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Divertimento in B flat
Ludwig van Beethoven: Rondo in F
Jacques Ibert: Trois Pièces Brèves
Darius Milhaud: La Cheminée du Roi René
Paquito D’Rivera: Aires Tropicales

Chamber Crawl: All About That Bass
Tuesday, September 1 | 8pm | Scene Ultra Lounge

Be Scene with the CCO at our finale Chamber Crawl, *All About That Bass*. Scene Ultra Lounge on Walnut will provide the perfect backdrop for the CCO string quartet with hip double bassist DaXun Zhang. The New York Times characterized Zhang’s playing as “soulful, lyrical and with an arresting delicacy that takes one by surprise.”

Antonin Dvořák: String Quartet No. 12 in F Major, Op. 96, (“American”)
Allegro ma non troppo
Yan-Jun Hua: Moon Reflected on Spring
Mongolian Traditional: Two Horses
Antonin Dvořák: String Quintet No. 2, Op. 77
Scherzo: Allegro vivace
Finale: Allegro assai

CCO: Storm of Strings
Thursday, September 3 | 8pm | SCPA Corbett Theater
Prelude Talk: 7:15pm | Mayerson Theater

The CCO will showcase the virtuosity of our musicians in four exciting works, three of which are CCO premieres. Violinist Cho-Liang Lin, whose tone has been characterized by the New York Times as having “warmth and brightness,” will join the Chamber Orchestra to perform Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 4. Lin will then join DaXun Zhang, a double bassist who has performed extensively with Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, for a rare instrumental duet in Bottesini’s Gran Duo Concertante.

Jean-Philippe Rameau: Suite from *Les Boréades* **(CCO Premiere)**
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major, K. 218
featuring Cho-Liang Lin, violin
Witold Lutosławski: Little Suite **(CCO Premiere)**
Giovanni Bottesini: Gran Duo Concertante **(CCO Premiere)**
featuring Cho-Liang Lin, violin, and DaXun Zhang, double bass

Ticket Information:

The CCO is pleased to offer several ways to enjoy Summermusik concert events.

Flex Pass - \$80: Enjoy 20% savings when you choose tickets to any four performances throughout the festival.

Festival Pass - \$150: Enjoy 40% savings when you purchase this pass which allows you to attend all ten ticketed concerts.

Single tickets: Single concert tickets will go on sale May 4 and cost \$25 for adults and \$10 for children/students.

For information and tickets –

Call 513-723-1182 or visit the CCO online at www.ccocincinnati.org

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ABOUT THE CINCINNATI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA...

The Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra is an independent ensemble of 32 professional musicians that celebrated its 40th anniversary season in 2014. The CCO offers a vibrant and fresh musical experience in an intimate and informal setting, for both the seasoned and novice concert patron. The CCO's size allows for flexibility and creativity in programming, the ideal ensemble for presenting orchestral works ranging from the Baroque and Classical eras to commissioned works by contemporary composers. Collaborations have become a hallmark of the CCO, including ongoing partnerships with VAE: Cincinnati's Vocal Arts Ensemble and Madcap Puppets.

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