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## **THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA AND MUSIC DIRECTOR FRANZ WELSER-MÖST RETURN TO IU AUDITORIUM WITH FAMED PIANIST YEFIM BRONFMAN JAN. 19**

**January 19 Concert is a major highlight of the Orchestra's Fourth Biennial Residency in Partnership with Indiana University and the Jacob's School of Music**

**WHAT:** The Cleveland Orchestra

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 19, 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** IU Auditorium

**TICKETS:** \$21–\$42 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$39–\$61 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com), in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com), all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** – The internationally-renowned The Cleveland Orchestra and [Music Director, Franz Welser-Möst](#) return to IU Auditorium for a performance featuring internationally celebrated pianist Yefim Bronfman on Thursday, January 19 at 8 p.m. performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Major, Opus 44 and Sibelius's Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Opus 43.

The Cleveland Orchestra is one of today's most acclaimed performing ensembles. In concerts at home, in residencies from Miami to Vienna, and on tour around the world, The Cleveland Orchestra—under the leadership of esteemed music director Franz Welser-Möst—sets standards of artistic excellence, concert programming, and community engagement for artistic ensembles worldwide.

The Cleveland Orchestra devotes itself to maintaining their command of musical excellence while serving communities through performance, engagement, and music education. Their partnership with Welser-Möst is widely regarded as one of the best orchestra-conductor partnerships of the day, and they continually involve new composers and new works to create bold and innovative additions to their repertoire. For more information, visit [www.clevelandorchestra.com](http://www.clevelandorchestra.com).

Distinguished conductor Welser-Möst entered his fifteenth year as music director of The Cleveland Orchestra this season, bringing the acclaimed elegance and cohesion that makes the ensemble the "best American orchestra," according to *The New York Times*. With an illustrious career preceding him in Europe, Welser-Möst made his American conducting debut with the St. Louis Symphony in 1989. He guest-conducted with The Cleveland Orchestra for the first time in

1993, and was appointed the music director of the Orchestra in the 2002-2003 season. His talents have received numerous awards including the Vienna Philharmonic's Ring of Honor for his longstanding relationship with the ensemble.

Yefim Bronfman is also an artist of international acclaim. He has made numerous appearances with artists and orchestras alongside his glowing solo career, including his debuts at Carnegie Hall in 1989 and Avery Fisher Hall in 1993. In 1997, Mr. Bronfman won a Grammy Award for his recordings of three Bartók piano concerts with conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Bronfman works regularly with The Cleveland Orchestra and Welser-Möst, among other leading conductors.

"We are devoted to sharing artistic excellence with the Bloomington community, and The Cleveland Orchestra is the epitome of such excellence," said Director of IU Auditorium Doug Booher. "It's an honor to host this world-class ensemble for their performance, and to facilitate the Orchestra's ongoing residency partnership with the Jacobs School of Music. We look forward to the performance featuring the esteemed Yefim Bronfman."

In addition to the January 19 performance, The Cleveland Orchestra will also be holding the fourth installment of their biannual residency with Indiana University. Members of the Orchestra and Mr. Bronfman will be engaging students from the Jacobs School of Music, as well as young musicians from Fairview Elementary School. Complete schedule to be announced. For additional information on these events, visit [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com).

"Our heartfelt thanks go to the Orchestra for the opportunities provided to our students, campus, and city through this year's educational residency," said Gwyn Richards, Dean of the IU Jacobs School of Music. "We also express our appreciation to those at IU Auditorium and at Indiana University who have made this project possible."

For more information on The Cleveland Orchestra and the rest of the 2016–2017 season, visit [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com). The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

The Cleveland Orchestra at IU Auditorium is presented with the support of Indiana University Office of the President, WFIU/WTIU, and Hilliard Lyons. IU Auditorium's 2016–2017 season is presented by Curry Auto Center, B97, *The Herald-Times*, IU Division of Residential Programs and Services, and Cook Medical.

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