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MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA TO BRING CELEBRATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO IU AUDITORIUM

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – In conjunction with its presentation of the Minnesota Orchestra on January 23, IU Auditorium will facilitate an extensive residency that will engage both the IU campus and Bloomington communities. Throughout each season, IU Auditorium seeks to provide a comprehensive event experience that helps the public form a more meaningful connection with the artists and productions that visit Bloomington.

Members of the press are invited to attend any and all listed activities.

Programs in collaboration with the Jacobs School of Music

When: January 22-24

Where: IU Auditorium and various studios and performance spaces within the Jacobs School of Music

Admission: Only invited groups may participate in these activities

Overview: Orchestra members and Jacobs faculty will collaborate to offer a wide variety of masterclasses for students studying horn, trombone, trumpet, tuba, percussion, flute, bassoon, oboe, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, double bass, and harp.

Osmo Vänskä, the Minnesota Orchestra's music director, will also conduct a rehearsal with the Jacobs School of Music Philharmonic Orchestra. Additionally, music students will have the opportunity to rehearse side-by-side with the orchestra on the Auditorium's stage as well as attend an open rehearsal of the Minnesota Orchestra.

Strings demonstration at Fairview Elementary

When: Wednesday, January 24, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Fairview Elementary

Admission: Only invited groups may participate in this activity

Overview: Students in third through sixth grades who participate in Fairview Elementary's elective string program will have the opportunity to enjoy a private performance and interact with a small ensemble of musicians from the Minnesota Orchestra. In addition to playing for the students, participating musicians will invite questions, reinforce fundamental musical concepts, and engage directly with students on broader themes of communication and teamwork required in chamber music performance.

Hutton Honors College and Project Jumpstart luncheon

When: Wednesday, January 24, 12:30-2 p.m.

Where: Hutton Honors College

Admission: Only invited groups may participate in this activity

Overview: Musicians from the Minnesota Orchestra and its vice president of orchestra administration will attend an informal lunch with students and staff of the Hutton Honors College and Project Jumpstart to engage in a discussion about substantive issues that pertain to music and non-music students alike. Topics will include the orchestra's highly collaborative culture, its unique empowerment of community stakeholders and its commitment to refreshing and expanding programming to engage with an increasingly diverse audience.

Led by music director Osmo Vänskä, the Grammy Award-winning Minnesota Orchestra is recognized as one of America's leading orchestras. Founded in 1903, it performs over 150 concerts each year. It is heard widely through award-winning recordings—including a Mahler album that has been nominated for a 2018 Grammy for Best Orchestral Performance—as well as through weekly radio broadcasts and regular international tours, most recently including a historic visit to Cuba. However far they go across the globe, the Minnesota Orchestra maintains a strong commitment to forging connections and enriching audiences, connecting with more than 85,000 music lovers annually through family concerts and educational programs.

For more information on the Minnesota Orchestra and the rest of the 2017–2018 season, visit IUauditorium.com.

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