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**THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM MAHLER'S SECOND SYMPHONY AT
IU AUDITORIUM JANUARY 23**

WHAT: The Cleveland Orchestra

WHEN: Wednesday, January 23 – 8 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$15 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$30 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Fresh off its centennial year celebration, the world-class orchestral ensemble **The Cleveland Orchestra** returns to IU Auditorium on January 23. Under direction of esteemed leader Franz Welser-Möst, the Orchestra will perform Mahler's Symphony No. 2 alongside Joëlle Harvey (soprano), Sasha Cooke (mezzo soprano), and members of the Jacobs School of Music Oratorio Chorus.

Recognized as one of the "Big Five" American orchestras, The Cleveland Orchestra is renowned for its musical innovation and unrivaled performances of standard repertoire and new works. Founded in 1918, the orchestra has since pushed boundaries in the genre of orchestral arrangements, particularly under the leadership of Welser-Möst, who has with him an elegance and cohesion that makes the ensemble the "best American orchestra," according to *The New York Times*.

While The Cleveland Orchestra has graced the IU Auditorium stage in years past, this year they have furthered their own mission of educational outreach to include IU's very own **Jacobs School of Music Oratorio Chorus** on stage alongside their own distinguished musicians.

"It is an honor to host musicians so unwaveringly dedicated to artistic excellence," said Executive Director of IU Auditorium, Doug Booher. "But to experience our own IU students on stage with such distinguished performers is a moment we will never forget. We are filled with gratitude for The Cleveland Orchestra, their unmistakable talent, and their commitment to education and outreach. It is no wonder they are some of the most celebrated musicians in the world."

Bloomington Residency ([Click for Complete Schedule of Events](#))

During their time in Bloomington, The Cleveland Orchestra will complete a residency of educational and outreach activities involving the Jacobs School of Music and the community at large. Orchestra members and Jacobs' faculty will collaborate to offer a wide variety of masterclasses for students studying violin, flute, cello, percussion, horns, trumpet, clarinet, trombone, tuba, viola, bassoon, oboe, double bass, and harp. Franz Welser-Möst 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.

Members of the orchestra will also visit Fairview Elementary School, participate in a panel discussion on a career in music, and attend a luncheon with Hutton Honor College students,

For more information about The Cleveland Orchestra and the rest of the 2018–2019 season, visit 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 in partnership with IU Office of the President, WFIU, Bunger and Robertson, and James and Jacqueline Faris. IU Auditorium's 2018–2019 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald Times*, CFC Properties, and Indiana University Residential Program and Services.

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