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**DuPage Symphony Orchestra Announces Its 68th Season – *Reflect and Celebrate***

**Naperville, Illinois** – The DSO is overjoyed to announce its 68<sup>th</sup> subscription series, bringing you a season to ***Reflect and Celebrate***. Demonstrating the unique power of music to comfort and inspire, the 2021-22 season features important works by American composers along with well-known classics. **Join us for great music**, performed by the Illinois Council of Orchestras **2021 Community Orchestra of the Year!**

After an unprecedented hiatus in full-orchestra performances, the DSO is excited to return to the Wentz Concert Hall stage at North Central College with a full season of enthralling concerts featuring important works by American composers like Leonard Bernstein, Howard Hanson, Florence Price, William Schuman, William Grant Still, and Michael Udow along with well-known classics by Dvořák, Tchaikovsky, and Beethoven. The DSO joins forces with the **Naperville Chorus** (Jeordano Martinez, director) for a season finale showcasing Roy Harris’s colorful *Folk Song Symphony*.

*“The musicians of the DuPage Symphony are overjoyed to return to rehearsing and performing for the 2021-22 season,”* remarks Music Director Barbara Schubert. *“The events of the past year and a half have had a profound effect the world over, spurring us all to embrace our global connections and strive to redress the imbalances in society. In choosing the repertoire for the*

*coming year, I have tried to reflect on the very serious challenges we face, and also celebrate the unique ability that great music holds to comfort, inspire, and unite people from all backgrounds. I hope you will join us for this inspiring and entertaining journey, as the DSO explores a wide range of great orchestral music – some of it familiar and some of it fresh, but all of it highly enjoyable!”*

In addition to the 5-concert subscription series, the DSO will continue to offer its popular family holiday concert, *Yuletide Cheer*, on Sunday, December 12, which promises to delight young concert goers as well as listeners of all ages with an array of popular Christmas tunes, a clever compendium of Hanukkah songs, and a special visit from Santa.

Season subscriptions for the 5-concert series, which offer a 25% savings off single ticket prices, are available now through August. We also offer a flexible *Create Your Own Series* option where subscribers may select 3 or 4 concerts at savings of 15% to 20%. Subscription orders also bring the added benefits of guaranteed priority seating and pre-season access to the always sold-out Holiday concert. This season you can subscribe with confidence knowing that, in the event of performance cancellation, you will have a range of options including a refund for your ticket. For more information, or to subscribe, visit the DSO online at [www.dupagesymphony.org](http://www.dupagesymphony.org) or call 630-778-1003.

As we emerge from these challenging times, we invite you to reflect on the role music plays in your own life and consider supporting your local DuPage Symphony Orchestra as a subscriber and/or donor. **You can help transform hearts, minds, and communities through music.**

### **About the DSO**

The DSO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1954 whose mission is to provide inspiration and cultural enrichment through musical excellence, educational programs, and community outreach. This highly accomplished community orchestra is comprised of 90 volunteer musicians from over 30 communities in and around DuPage County and from all walks of life.

### **Conductor Barbara Schubert**

In addition to her role as Music Director and Conductor of the DSO for over thirty years, Barbara Schubert is on the faculty of the University of Chicago, where she serves as Director of Performance Programs as well as Music Director and Conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra and New Music Ensemble. She is also the Music Director and Conductor of the Park

Ridge Fine Arts Symphony, a professional summer festival orchestra. She studied conducting at Smith College, the Monteux School, the Blomstedt Institute, the Tanglewood Festival, and other summer workshops, and participated in a wide variety of conducting master classes and seminars with noted maestros such as Max Rudolf, Leonard Bernstein, Kurt Masur, and Pierre Boulez. A champion of new music and tireless advocate of education and outreach, Schubert is also past President of the Conductors Guild, an international service organization of 2,000 members that promotes the art and profession of conducting. Schubert has an extensive repertoire consisting of over 2,500 conducted works, including many world premieres and several dozen full operas. She has conducted dozens of community and professional ensembles throughout the country, and led a variety of workshops on conducting for intermediate and advanced conducting students.

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