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Elgin Symphony Orchestra celebrates German Musical Tradition with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7

Elgin, IL – The Elgin Symphony Orchestra, led by renowned conductor and violinist, Jaime Laredo, will perform music of celebrated composers Beethoven, Mozart and Mendelssohn including Beethoven's expressive Symphony No. 7, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, and Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: Overture. Laredo, playing viola, will join ESO's Concertmaster Isabella Lippi in a dazzling performance of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante.

Performances are Friday, March 26th at 8:00pm in the Scahumburg Prairie Center for the Arts, and Saturday March 27th at 8:00pm and Sunday, March 28th at 3:30pm at the Hemmens Cultural Center in downtown Elgin. For more information, call the ESO Box Office at (847) 888-4000 Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm, or visit www.ElginSymphony.org. To stay up-to-date on all ESO events, visit www.facebook.com/ElginSymphonyOrchestra. Groups of 10 or more qualify for discounted tickets – speak to a Box Office representative for more details.

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Jaime Laredo

Jaime Laredo has excelled in the multiple roles of soloist, conductor, recitalist and chamber musician for over 50 years. Since his stunning orchestral debut at the age of eleven with the San Francisco Symphony, he has won the admiration and respect of audiences, critics and fellow musicians with his passionate and polished performances. That debut inspired one critic to write: "In the 1920's it was Yehudi Menuhin; in the 1930's it was Isaac Stern; and last night it was Jaime Laredo." His education and development were greatly influenced by private coaching with eminent masters Josef Gingold, Pablo Casals, Ivan Galamian and George Szell. At the age of seventeen, Jaime Laredo won the prestigious *Queen Elisabeth of Belgium Competition*, launching his rise to international prominence.