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Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Family Fun Series travels "Around the World with Percussion"

Elgin, IL - The Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Family Fun Series continues with the trip of a lifetime in Around the World with Percussion, January 24th at the Hemmens Cultural Center in downtown Elgin. Already loved by hundreds of children and teachers from their in-school performances, the ESO Percussion Section launches the audience on a wild worldwide wander exploring instruments and music from Mexico to Africa and the Far East!

The doors of the Hemmens Cultural Center will open at 2:00pm before the Family Fun Series concert at 3:30pm for a carnival of exciting pre-concert activities. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a Drum Circle, create an art project at the Family Fun Arts & Crafts station, and make new friends while browsing through the Family Boutique. At each station children will earn a stamp for each activity they complete on their "Music Adventure Passport." When they collect a stamp from each station they can enter a drawing for a special prize at the end of the concert!

Tickets to this event are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Pre-Concert Activities start at 2:00pm and the concert 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.

Concert Sponsor: Chicago Parent Magazine

Upcoming Concert Events

STAY TUNED with Five By Design

February 20 & 21, 2010 - Hemmens Theatre
Robert Hanson, *conductor* | Five by Design

Sit back and stay tuned for a night recalling when television ruled the airwaves and variety was king. Vocal quintet Five By Design's vibrant harmonies and comedic talents move seamlessly from songs to skits and back again. Classic commercials come to life promoting everything from bananas to toothpaste, while on another network family and friends are unexpectedly reunited. So pop open a TV dinner and don't touch that dial!

ROYAL FIREWORKS

March 5, 6 & 7, 2010 - Hemmens Theatre

Jeanette Sorrell, conductor | St. Charles Singers, chorus

Matthew Agnew and Nazar Dzhuryn, cellos

This season our yearly salute to the Baroque features not only the St. Charles Singers and Handel's Water Music, but the ESO's own cellists, Matt Agnew and Nazar Dzhuryn performing Vivaldi's concerto written for two celli.

Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Named "Orchestra of the Year" an unprecedented three times by the Illinois Council of Orchestras, the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Maestro Robert Hanson, performs over 60 concerts a year thrilling more than 50,000 patrons, from Metro Chicagoland to Wisconsin and Indiana. In addition, the Symphony's education initiatives reach approximately 20,000 children, teachers, families, and young musicians per year through a variety of participatory music programs. Each season the Elgin Symphony attracts rising stars and internationally known guest artists including: Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Sir James Galway, Pinchas Zukerman, Midori, Leonard Nimoy, Giancarlo Guererro, Rachel Lee, Jodi Benson, and Pascal Roge. In 2008, the Elgin Symphony Orchestra released its first international recording, an album featuring works of Aaron Copland, as part of the NAXOS label's American Classics collection. The ESO continues to broadcast its Classics performances on the fourth Friday of each month on 98.7FM WFMT, which provides the best and broadest selection of classical music and fine arts programming in the country.