

chicagosinfonietta

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2005/2006 SEASON SCHEDULE

Concert I

Haydn – Concerto for Violoncello in C major featuring **Patrice Jackson, Cello**
Pichardo - Encuentro: Suite de Danzas Yucatecas featuring **Sones de México**
Tchaikovsky – Symphony no. 5 in E minor

Sunday, September 25, 2:30pm
Monday, September 26, 7:30pm

Concert II

Vivaldi - Concerto for Guitar in D major, featuring **Angel Romero, Guitar**
Fallá – Ballet Suite from “El amor brujo”
Beethoven - Symphony no. 8 in F major

Angel Romero, Conductor

Monday, November 7, 7:30pm

Concert III

Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Tchaikovsky - Romeo and Juliet
Abels - American Variations on *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*
Guarnieri - Three Dances for Orchestra featuring **Deeply Rooted Dance Theater**
Bernstein - Chichester Psalms featuring **Chicago Children's Choir**
Steffe - Battle Hymn of the Republic

Sunday, January 15, 2:30pm
Monday, January 16, 7:30pm

Concert IV

Kay - Overture to Theater Set
Kodaly - Variations on a Hungarian Folk Song “The Peacock”
Chopin - Concerto no. 2 for Piano in F minor featuring **Navah Perlman, Piano**
Chappell - Wood-N-Steel featuring the **NIU Steel Band**

Sunday, March 12, 2:30pm
Monday, March 13, 7:30pm

Concert V

Roumain – Voodoo Violin Concerto no. 1 featuring **Daniel Bernard Roumain, Violin**
Holst - The Planets featuring a multi-media extravaganza with **The Adler Planetarium**

Sunday, May 14, 2:30pm
Monday, May 15, 7:30pm

CHICAGO SINFONIETTA LEADS COMMUNITY IN COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. JANUARY 15 & 16, 2006

Annual Tribute Concert Features Sinfonietta Joined by Chicago Children's Choir and Deeply Rooted Dance Theater

The **Chicago Sinfonietta** will present its 9th **Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** concerts, **Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m.** at Lund Auditorium, Dominican University, 7900 W. Division in River Forest, and **Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.** at Orchestra Hall, Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. The Sinfonietta, joined on stage by **Deeply Rooted Dance Theater** and the **Chicago Children's Choir** and the **Elmhurst College Concert Choir**, invites the City of Chicago to celebrate Martin Luther King Day to honor and praise the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. These performances are generously sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Aon Corporation, ABC7, and Chicago Public Radio 91.5FM.

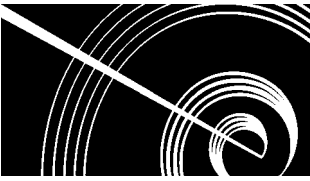
This powerful tribute begins with the Chicago Sinfonietta performing Tchaikovsky's romantic *Romeo and Juliet*, representing the importance of brotherhood and kindness – one of Dr. King's fundamental pillars. The Sinfonietta will then perform Michael Abels' American Variations on *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, highlighting and uniting many familiar American musical styles such as jazz, blues, Broadway and the unique 'Spaghetti Western' with hoof beat rhythms and whistling themes! The Sinfonietta will also present Brazilian composer Camargo Guarnieri's Three Dances for Orchestra joined by **Deeply Rooted Dance Theater** who will stage new choreography by Kevin lega Jeff. The **Chicago Children's Choir** and **Elmhurst College Concert Choir** will collaborate with the Sinfonietta in Leonard Bernstein's dynamic *Chichester Psalms*, which will be sung in Hebrew, and John Steffe's traditional *Battle Hymn of the Republic* in honor of the mission and legacy of Dr. King. This multi-cultural evening will conclude with the joining of hands to sing *We Shall Overcome* supported by the Chicago Sinfonietta and the Chicago Children's Choir, showing that all communities can unite to celebrate a noble man's vision and ideals. **This concert is dedicated to the legacy of Rosa Parks.**

“We come together, as is our duty, to remember a great man who stood for freedom, equality and justice,” notes **Maestro Paul Freeman**, Founder and Music Director of the Chicago Sinfonietta, who will conduct the concert. “The success of this concert is based on a community that holds a common understanding of Dr. King and his vision. The Sinfonietta considers it a great privilege to provide this opportunity to celebrate this champion of justice!”

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About the Performers:

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Chicago Children's Choir, founded in 1956, is a multi-racial, multi-cultural choral music education organization. America's largest organization devoted to the musical education of children, the Choir's diverse repertoire includes classical works, American spirituals and folk songs from around the world, all of which are performed in their original language. Nearly 3,200 children, ages nine through eighteen, participate in the Choir's unique program under Artistic Director **Josephine Lee**. In addition to local engagements with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Choir has performed throughout the United States, Russia, Japan, Italy, the Ukraine, Canada, South Africa and Great Britain for such dignitaries as President and Mrs. Clinton, South African President Nelson Mandela, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the late Cardinal Bernardin, and Queen Noor of Jordan.

Deeply Rooted Dance Theater (DRDT) is the professional dance ensemble of Deeply Rooted Productions, co-founded in 1995 by **Kevin lega Jeff**. DRDT performances embody the rich traditions of African-American dance, theater and music. Performing the work of nationally renowned choreographers, DRDT presents innovative and inspiring expressions of contemporary life. Deeply Rooted Dance Theater has performed internationally at venues including MIGROS Steps Festival in Switzerland; Madrid Arts Festival in Spain; and the Calgary Center for the Arts. Domestically, DRDT has performed in venues including Aaron Davis Hall in New York; International Association of Black Dance Showcases in San Diego, Dallas and Washington D.C.; and Shubert Theater, Athenaeum Theatre, Auditorium Theatre, and The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago.

Elmhurst College Concert Choir is an auditioned group of students from a variety of majors who sing traditional and contemporary choral music. This upcoming March, the choir will be touring through Illinois, Tennessee and Florida, with a service project stop on the way to help support the Hurricane Relief Effort. Last November, they sang in Howard Shore's production of "The Lord of the Rings Symphony" at the Auditorium Theatre. Among the choir's diverse performing opportunities, the Concert Choir has appeared on NBC Channel 5 Chicago's Easter Special for "A Different Drummer." They also were selected to record the vocal soundtrack for a new video game for Midway Games released last spring on PlayStation 2, Xbox and The Cube. The choir is conducted by Susan Moninger.

The Chicago Sinfonietta presents an exciting blend of musical and artistic genres, taking its audience on an orchestral adventure like no other. Mixing the Classical and Romantic repertoire with bold contemporary works, the Sinfonietta shatters traditional boundaries through its collaborations, creating synergies between classical, dance, theater and other musical styles including jazz, rock, and world music. Founded in 1987 by Music Director Paul Freeman under the mission of Musical Excellence Through Diversity™, the Sinfonietta is Chicago's premier mid-size professional orchestra and serves as a cultural crossroads, featuring talented soloists, composers and musicians of color. The Chicago Sinfonietta has recorded twelve CDs and completed six European tours. In addition, the Sinfonietta conducts several outreach and educational programs.

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Ticket Information:

Tickets range from \$25 - \$38 for concerts at Lund Auditorium at Dominican University, and \$25 - \$90 for concerts at Orchestra Hall. Special pricing for children, students and groups are available. For tickets, call 312-236-3681 ext. 2 or visit www.chicagosinfonietta.org.

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