



Cited by the Chicago Tribune as the “city’s hippest orchestra,” the Sinfonietta is a professional orchestra that forms unique cultural connections through the universal language of symphonic music. Founded in 1987 by Maestro Paul Freeman, Chicago Sinfonietta is the nation’s most diverse orchestra. We put on the most innovative and unexpected symphonic performances to an audience that represents the uniqueness of our city and we reach thousands of students every year through our education programs. Chicago Sinfonietta won the MacArthur Foundation’s Award for Creative and Effective Institutions. The Ball will be the final event in Chicago Sinfonietta’s Season of Celebration, highlighting Maestro Freeman’s tremendous and accomplished life and legacy. Thank you for joining us!

Q. When and where will the 2016 Ball take place?

A. June 4th @ 6:00pm
Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park
200 North Columbus Drive

Q. Where do we park and how much is it?

A. The Fairmont has valet parking for our guests. The preferred entrance is the Circle Drive on Upper Columbus, but you can also valet at the Lower Columbus Entrance. Parking for the duration of the event is complimentary. Please bring your parking ticket with you to check in and the Sinfonietta will provide you with validation.

Q. What is the anticipated order of events for the evening?

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6:00pm	Cocktail Reception in International Ballroom (2 nd Level) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hors d’oeuvres, Cocktails, and Entertainment
7:15pm	Transition from 2 nd Level to Lower Level
7:20pm	Dinner Seating Begins in Imperial Ballroom (Lower Level)
7:30pm	Dinner Served
8:30pm	Speaking portion, Raffle, and Live Auction
9:00pm	Full Orchestra Performance featuring exciting surprise guest artists
10:00pm	After-Party with DJ

Q. If I cannot attend the cocktail reception at 6:00pm, can I still attend the dinner and the rest of the evening?

A. Absolutely! While we want all of our guests to take advantage of each element of the night, we understand that sometimes guests cannot make the reception. There are volunteers stationed

at the Imperial Ball Room to help you find your table as needed. You may want to let staff know in advance to expect a late arrival. Email cperkins@chicagosinfonietta.org or call 312.284.1559.

Q. What is the dress code?

A. The dress for the evening is formal. Typically, men wear tuxedos and women wear long gowns. The evening is perfect for dressing to the nines and having an amazing time!

Q. What do I do if I or my guests have food allergies?

A. Chicago Sinfonietta makes sure to provide a wonderful meal with a MEAT/SEAFOOD duet. However, we can also accommodate most special food preferences as needed including vegetarian, gluten free, low salt, etcetera. Please alert our staff to any food accommodations necessary as soon as possible. Email cperkins@chicagosinfonietta.org or call 312.284.1559.

Q. What are the opportunities to support the organization on the night of the event?

A. Chicago Sinfonietta offers a wonderful raffle with a \$10,000 grand prize, a Live Auction featuring several exciting packages, and a Paddle Raise, providing guests the opportunity to support the Sinfonietta's extensive education programs at every level. Anything raised night of the Ball is matched DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR thanks to some generous sponsors.

Q. For what purpose does the Ball raise money?

A. Chicago Sinfonietta is a unique cultural treasure in the city of Chicago, changing the face of classical music with its innovative programming and incredible education programs. The Ball is the single most impactful event of year for the Sinfonietta to raise much needed funds to support its important work. A little known fact is that concert ticket sales during the season only cover approximately 25% of our overall expenses. It is the generosity of our supporters and people like you that enable the Sinfonietta to have such a profound impact.

Q. Will you send me a physical ticket after I buy my reservation/table?

A. No, Chicago Sinfonietta will have a check-in table on the 2nd level outside of the cocktail reception. You will simply check in with your name and from there you will be given your table assignment and your valet ticket.

Q. Will there be coat check?

A. If there is a need, the Sinfonietta will provide a complimentary coat check on the second level, near registration. The coats will then be transferred to the lower level near the Imperial Ball Room for the guest's convenience.

Q. Can you provide information about the After Party?

A. Directly after the close of the orchestra performance, Chicago Sinfonietta invites guests to stay for an after party in the Imperial Ballroom lobby, including a DJ and open bar that lasts until 11:30pm. It is a great time, where musicians, guests, and guest artists have a chance to mingle and to dance. We hope everyone can join us!

Q. What do I do if I am coming to the Ball alone?

A. Chicago Sinfonietta hosts many individual guests at the Ball every year. We have a host/hostess committee that will welcome all guests, talk you through the evening and introduce you to other guests attending that night. This evening is one that welcomes all attendees and makes sure everyone has an amazing time! Please look for Sinfonietta ambassadors marked with bright floral adornment.

Q. How can I support the event if I cannot attend?

A. If you cannot attend, but still want to support, you can make a donation. Each donation supports Chicago Sinfonietta's incredible 16-17 season and its expansive education outreach programs. A donation at any level is truly appreciated and makes a difference for our organization.