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## **Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Welcomes International Award Winning Guest Soloists for Upcoming November 17th Performance**

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Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO) continues its 41st year of bringing beautiful music to the Southland with its upcoming program "Chamber Gems: A Musical Journey" on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at 7:30PM at Ozinga Chapel in Palos Heights.

Maestro Stilian Kirov leads the orchestra into a musical journey throughout the night. The night begins in England with Elgar's Serenade, to the Czech Republic with Neruda's Trumpet Concerto in E-flat, then to Norway with Grieg's Holberg Suite. The jewel in the crown is Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 1 performed by Bulgarian guest soloists Nadejda Tzanova, piano and Peter Makedonski, trumpet.

Maestro Kirov expresses great excitement for this upcoming program, "This is a concert that involves mainly strings, but it is also fascinating to witness the unlimited orchestral colors the composers were able to create through their musical genius. It is really a program of mostly exciting discoveries that I am sure our audiences will love.

The concert on November 17th, will feature two prominent and internationally award winning Bulgarian guest soloists Nadejda Tzanova, piano and Peter Makedonski, trumpet.

Ms. Tzanova has been awarded over twenty prizes and honors including: "Hopes,

Talents, and Masters" in Albania; "Zeiler" in Greece; and "Valentino Buki" in Italy, just to name a few. Mr. Makedonski is a laureate of numerous competitions including: National Competition for Singers and Instrumentalists, Young Musical Talents, Ohrid Pearls, and many more.

Kirov explains the immense talent that Nadejda Tzanova and Peter Makedonski bring to this upcoming concert, "They bring first of all a fantastic program with Shostakovich's First Piano Concerto and Neruda's Trumpet Concerto. They bring their outstanding artistry and exciting music making. Their duo has been named Ensemble of the Year in Bulgaria. They are prize-winners of many competitions, received many awards, and are truly extraordinary artists."

Mr. Kirov, who also hails from Bulgaria, describes the personal connection he has to one of the soloists. "Peter Makedonski and I go way back as we went to the same music high school in Bulgaria. I believe we even played few times in the school orchestra together, so this adds another very personal exciting aspect as well."

The upcoming concert has something that all music lovers alike can enjoy. "We have music by some great romantic composers, like Greig and Elgar, but also some more "edgy" pieces like Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 1, as well as, some music of the more distant past like Neruda's Trumpet Concerto, which is very much in the classical style. I am very much looking forward to this exciting evening," Kirov proclaims.

Concert single tickets start at \$27 in advance. Student tickets are \$10, and group tickets are available with a minimum of seven patrons. Ticketing fees may apply. Great new subscriber rates of up to 40% off are still available for 3, 4, 5 or all 6 concert packages.

To order, or for more information, visit [ipomusic.org](http://ipomusic.org) or call 708.481.7774. Ozinga Chapel is located at 6601 W. College Drive on the campus of Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. The IPO Ozinga Chapel box office opens one hour before the performance on concert night.

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## **ABOUT THE ILLINOIS PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra is celebrating its 41st Season in 2018-19. From its community orchestra roots in Park Forest, the 69-member orchestra has grown into a critically acclaimed professional regional orchestra.

Under the leadership of Music Director Stilian Kirov and Executive Director Christina Salerno, the mission of IPO is to provide concerts of compelling professional symphonic music, support music education, and expand audience awareness of musical excellence for the diverse communities of the greater Chicago region.

During the 2018-19 season, IPO will perform seven classical concerts at their venue, Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. In addition, the orchestra performs four educational youth concerts each year, serving over 4,000 students in the Chicago Southland, and a summer chamber series, IPO @ Ravisloe Golf Club.

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