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## Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Cancels Concerts Through March 31

(March 12, 2020) – In keeping with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb’s newly announced guidelines for public gatherings in the wake of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will suspend performances and public events through the end of March.

According to the governor’s statement, “non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people. This includes any event or gathering of people who are in one room or a single space at the same time, such as cafeterias, churches, stadiums, meeting and conference rooms, auditoriums and the like.”

“The health and safety of our patrons, staff, and musicians are our top priority,” said CEO James Johnson. “We are committed to doing our part to protect those in our community who are at the highest risk of complications from this illness. We believe cancelling our upcoming concerts is the best way we can support our community at this time.”

Concerts affected by the cancellation include:

- The Passion of Mahler’s Fifth Symphony: Friday, March 13 & Saturday, March 14
- Ruth Reinhardt Leads the ISO: Thursday, March 19; Friday, March 20; & Saturday, March 21
- Mendelssohn’s *Elijah*: Friday, March 27

Several options are available for patrons who have already purchased tickets to these concerts:

- Exchange your tickets into any concert remaining in the current ISO subscription season (ending June 13) or our summer Bank of America *Film Series* performances
- Exchange your tickets for a gift certificate to be used for any ISO ticket purchase in the next 5 years
- Donate your tickets – which are tax deductible for your ticket value. Your generous support is appreciated, as it allows the ISO to continue fulfilling our mission during challenging times.

Ticket exchanges can be made through June 13, 2020. For assistance, please contact the ISO Box Office by phone at 317.639.4300, by email at [iso@indianapolissymphony.org](mailto:iso@indianapolissymphony.org), or in person at the office on Monument Circle. Our friendly and knowledgeable patron liaisons will assist you in processing the transaction of your choice.

The ISO’s public events outside of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, including Metropolitan Youth Orchestra rehearsals and *Teddy Bear Series* performances are also cancelled through March 31.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this challenging and unexpected situation. The ISO will continue to monitor updates and recommendations from state, local, and federal leaders; please visit [www.IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://www.IndianapolisSymphony.org) for concert updates and the latest information on our health and safety protocol.

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