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### **Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra replaces Stravinsky program with works by Tchaikovsky in concerts May 15-16**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announced today that actor F. Murray Abraham has had to withdraw from narrating Igor Stravinsky’s “A Soldier’s Tale,” with text by Indy-native Kurt Vonnegut, in concerts with the ISO on May 15 and 16 due to the extended run of his current project on Broadway.

Led by guest conductor Cristian Măcelaru, who currently serves as the Associate Conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, the concert weekend will retain the previously-scheduled *Mephisto Waltz #1* by Franz Liszt and will feature Tchaikovsky’s passionate Symphony No. 6 (“Pathétique”). In addition, guest cellist Johannes Moser, who was a top prize winner at the 2002 Tchaikovsky Competition, will perform the composer’s popular Variations on a Rococo Theme. Both Măcelaru and Moser make their ISO debuts in these performances.

Tickets start at \$15 and can be purchased by calling the ISO Box Office at (317) 639-4300 or online at [IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://IndianapolisSymphony.org).

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#### **Biographies**

**Cristian Măcelaru** has established an exciting and highly regarded presence through his thoughtful interpretations, poise and energetic conviction on the podium.

Associate Conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Măcelaru began his tenure at the Philadelphia Orchestra as Assistant Conductor in September 2011; in recognition of his artistic contributions to the orchestra, his title was elevated to Associate Conductor in November 2012.

Read more about Cristian Măcelaru [here](#).

Hailed by Gramophone Magazine as “one of the finest among the astonishing gallery of young virtuoso cellists”, German-Canadian cellist **Johannes Moser** has performed with the world’s leading orchestras such as the Berlin Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Munich Philharmonic and Israel Philharmonic Orchestras as well as the Chicago Symphony, London Symphony, Bavarian Radio Symphony, Frankfurt Radio Symphony, Royal Concertgebouw, Tokyo Symphony, Philadelphia and Cleveland Orchestras. Read more about Johannes Moser [here](#).