

Advancing the Orchestral Experience for All

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League of American Orchestras Unveils Symphony Spot

New Online Source for Orchestra Livestreams, Videos, and Educational Resources During COVID-19 Pandemic

Attend an Orchestra Performance Without Leaving Home

Includes Educational Videos for Parents and Teachers

New York, NY (April 14, 2020) – As concert halls across the country go dark due to the COVID-19 pandemic, orchestras have given hope and solace to a quarantined public by making an unprecedented number of online performances and educational resources available free of charge. The League of American Orchestras has now created Symphony Spot (symphonyspot.org), a one-stop hub of orchestra livestreams, videos, and digital learning events from more than 100 members and friends of the League.

"During this uncertain time, we've seen firsthand the value and connection orchestras bring to the public," commented League President and CEO Jesse Rosen. "Orchestras of all sizes are continuing to serve their communities throughout this crisis, whether through streaming musicians' live performances from home, by offering archival audio and video performances online, or by providing parents, students, and teachers with valuable educational resources. We're proud to present this one-stop resource in order to highlight the inspirational music reverberating across the country."





The League's new <u>Symphony Spot</u> serves as a hub of member orchestras' essential content, giving teachers, journalists, bloggers, and the general public a one-stop landing place to explore.

From a performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra's Bedtime with Bach video series; and the Boston Symphony Orchestra's BSO Homeschool initiative featuring lesson plans, instrument demonstrations, and virtual lessons, to cutting-edge new music offered by American Composers Orchestra, you'll find content from more than 100 orchestras, venues, and soloists. And the site grows daily.

Music inspires us, strengthens us, and brings us together; please consider a donation to your local orchestra in these difficult times.

The **League of American Orchestras** leads, supports, and champions America's orchestras and the vitality of the music they perform. Its diverse membership of more than 1,700 organizations and individuals across North America runs the gamut from world-renowned orchestras to community groups, from summer festivals to student and youth ensembles, from conservatories to libraries, from businesses serving orchestras to individuals who love symphonic music. The only national organization dedicated solely to the orchestral experience, the League is a nexus of knowledge and innovation, advocacy, and leadership advancement. Its conferences and events, award-winning *Symphony* magazine, website, and other publications inform people around the world about orchestral activity and developments. Founded in 1942 and chartered by Congress in 1962, the League links a national network of thousands of instrumentalists, conductors, managers and administrators, board members, volunteers, and business partners. Visit americanorchestras.org.