



Richmond Symphony to Host Music Marathon Fundraiser on April 25

Nine-Hour Virtual Event Aims to Raise \$30,000 to Support Symphony Musicians

Richmond, Va. (April 23, 2020)—The Richmond Symphony will host **Music Marathon**, a virtual fundraiser and concert event, on **Sat., April 25** from **10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Streaming live on the Richmond Symphony's **Facebook** page, this free event will feature performances by Symphony musicians, staff, youth program participants, Board members and Richmond Symphony League members, in addition to Q&As, fun facts, and special appearances by Music Director Designate Valentina Peleggi (see full schedule at: <https://www.richmondsymphony.com/event/music-marathon/>).

With a fundraising goal of \$30,000, funds raised by Music Marathon will help support musicians of Richmond Symphony, after three months of regular-season concerts and community festivals were cancelled, and the Menuhin Competition postponed a year, due to the coronavirus.

"We are committed to supporting our musicians and staff through this crisis, while using it as an opportunity to reach our audience in different ways" said David Fisk, executive director of the Richmond Symphony. "The 2020 Music Marathon will generate much-needed funds to replace lost income from concert cancellations. At the same time it gives our musicians the chance to experiment with a new platform to bring live music to folks in the convenience of their own homes."

Music Marathon is part of the Richmond Symphony's "RVA Symphony At Home" initiative to bring music to the community through its social media channels and to provide comfort during this unprecedented time. For more information about "RVA Symphony At Home," visit: <https://www.richmondsymphony.com/rvasymphonyathome/>.

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To watch the Richmond Symphony's Music Marathon, visit <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondSymphony/> during the event, and click on the Symphony's Live page.

To donate to the Richmond Symphony, visit <https://bit.ly/DonateMusicMarathon> or use the @RichmondSymphony handle on Venmo.

About the Richmond Symphony (www.richmondsymphony.com):

Kicking off its 63rd Season in September 2020, the Richmond Symphony is the largest performing arts organization in Central Virginia. The organization includes an orchestra of more than 70 professional musicians, the 150-voice Richmond Symphony Chorus and more than 260 students in the Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra programs. Each season, more than 200,000 members of the community enjoy live concerts and radio broadcasts. The Symphony also provides educational outreach programs to more than 55,000 students and teachers each year and was recently named one of 21 American orchestras selected as a leader in orchestra innovation by the League of American Orchestras through its Futures Fund Initiative. The Richmond Symphony is partially funded by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Visit www.richmondsymphony.com for more information.

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