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CSO presents Beethoven and Brahms Concert

COLUMBUS, GA, March 4, 2015 - The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is pleased to present the music of *Beethoven and Brahms* on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. attend Know the Score, a pre-concert conversation with Music Director and Conductor George Del Gobbo, about the music being performed during the concert in the Studio Theatre.

The 7:30 p.m. concert will feature pianist Alexandre Moutouzkine performing Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58* with the orchestra. Other works include Brahms' *Tragic Overture, Op. 81* and *Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73*.

CSO Music Director and Conductor George Del Gobbo commented, "We are very pleased to have two of the proverbial 'Three B's' represented on this concert. (Bach will have to wait until another time.) Alexandre Moutouzkine will join the orchestra in one of Beethoven's most popular piano concertos and the orchestra will play two of Brahms' greatest works. This is 'meat and potatoes' in the world of classical music, but it's the very best of both."

Beethoven and Brahms is presented by Columbus Regional Health, Aflac, Boomer 95.3, News1420 WRGC and the Marriott Columbus.

Tickets are \$5 to \$36 and may be purchased at the RiverCenter Box Office, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or one hour prior to the performance (enter doors located on Broadway side under covered drive to visit the box office). Student tickets are available for \$10. Tickets for children under 12 years of age are \$5. For more information call the CSO office at 706.323.5059 or visit us online at www.csoga.org.

S'MORES – (Final Dress Rehearsal) for this concert is on Saturday, March 21, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for seniors over 60 who cannot travel at night; parents who want to expose their young children (under 12) to music; and fine arts students from local colleges and universities (with student i.d.). The cost is \$5 for seniors and students and \$3 for children. No reservations or tickets are required. Please pay at the door. For more information call 706.256.3640.

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra, formed in 1855, is the second orchestra founded in the nation and the first founded in Georgia. The CSO, under the direction of George Del Gobbo, has long been considered one of the Southeast's premier musical ensembles. The CSO's performance venue at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, Bill Heard Theatre, seats 2,000 patrons and provides a state-of-the-art visual and acoustic experience. The 2014-15 season includes four classical concerts, an annual family Christmas concert, a Valentine's Day country concert, and a Champagne and Dessert concert. For more information about the CSO visit our website at www.csoga.org.

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