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CSO presents Music in America Concert

COLUMBUS, GA, January 8, 2015 - The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is pleased to present *Music in America* on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 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 Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster, David Coucheron, performing Samuel Barber's *Violin Concerto, Op. 14*. Other works include Alan Hovhaness' *Symphony No. 2, Op. 132* "Mysterious Mountain," Aaron Copland's *Quiet City*, and Howard Hanson's *Symphony No. 2, Op. 30* "Romantic."

In the words of CSO Music Director and Conductor George Del Gobbo, "This concert includes music written about the mid-point of the twentieth century by four of America's most distinguished and accomplished composers. From the mysticism of Alan Hovhaness, and the heart-rending lyricism of Samuel Barber, to the unabashed Romanticism of Howard Hanson (with a brief stop at Aaron Copland along the way) this is music that will touch your heart and rouse your spirit."

This is the first time guest artist David Coucheron will play with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Coucheron is looking forward to sharing Samuel Barber's *Violin Concerto* with the Columbus community. "I was introduced to the Barber concerto rather recently," said Coucheron. "It has become one of my favorite concertos. It is also perhaps, in my opinion, the greatest violin concerto written by an American composer. I am very excited to perform this in Columbus!"

Music in America is presented by W.C. Bradley Company, Aflac, Sunny 100, 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, January 24, 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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