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A Night of Death and Transfiguration

COLUMBUS, GA, February 27, 2017 - The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is pleased to present "*Strauss: Death and Transfiguration*" on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Strauss' monumental tone poem is joined by Debussy's delicate prelude and Elgar's boisterous celebration of his Italian vacation in a performance featuring the dazzling brilliance of the orchestra's talented musicians.

Attend "Know the Score" at 6:30 PM in the Studio Theatre, a casual pre-concert conversation with Music Director and Conductor George Del Gobbo sure to provide more insight into the repertoire on the evening's concert.

Del Gobbo commented, "No composer in history could make an orchestra sound as amazing as Richard Strauss could. His tone poems (mostly written when he was a very young man) are legendary for their brilliant orchestrations. "*Death and Transfiguration*" is one of the best of them. Works by Debussy and Elgar round out a program that offers the CSO's wonderful musicians the chance to shine. It's acoustic. It's live music. It's fantastic."

This evening will also feature the exclusive announcement of the 2017-2018 Concert Season for the CSO. Join us as we reveal the inspirational and thrilling concerts to come!

"*Strauss: Death and Transfiguration*" is presented by Aflac, Sunny100, and WTVM.

Tickets are \$5 to \$38 and may be purchased at the RiverCenter Box Office, Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5:30 PM or one hour prior to the performance (enter doors located on Broadway). Student tickets are available for \$10. Tickets for children under 12 years of age are \$5. For more information call the RiverCenter Box Office at 706.256.3612 or visit us online at www.csoga.org.

Final Dress Rehearsal - for this concert is on Saturday March 18th beginning at 12:30 PM. We encourage attendance from all members of the community including those who are unable to attend the evening concert or looking for a "behind-the-scenes" look into the ensemble. It is also a great way to introduce your children to a live musical experience. Continuing the tradition, this informal and all-inclusive atmosphere is breaking the financial barrier by encouraging attendees to "pay what you want." Audience members set their own prices to eliminate hesitation and allow new viewers to partake in the music being created by the CSO. For more information visit csoga.org or call (706) 256-3645.

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. For more information about the CSO visit our website at www.csoga.org.