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Former CSU Student Khashimov To Perform With The CSO!

COLUMBUS, GA, February 18, 2014- The Columbus Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is pleased to present *Khashimov Plays Tchaikovsky* on Saturday, March 22, 2014 featuring violinist Nadir Khashimov. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. attend Know the Score, a pre-concert discussion by Conductor, George Del Gobbo, about the music being performed during the concert. At 7:30 p.m. the concert will commence with the orchestra performing Pärt's Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten; Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto; and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 in Bill Heard Theatre at RiverCenter for the Performing Arts. 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 Rush tickets are available for \$10 starting one hour before the concert. 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.



CSO Music Director and Conductor George Del Gobbo commented, "We have been aware of the talent of Nadir Khashimov since he came to Columbus at the age of fifteen. He was remarkable then and he is even more so now. His career has taken him from CSU to the world-renowned Curtis Institute of Music to prize-winning participation in numerous international competitions to appearances with many of the world's leading orchestras. It is a treat to hear him play."

Del Gobbo also commented, "This is a good concert for those who are considering attending an orchestra concert for the first time. The music is tuneful and very accessible while at the same time drawn from the list of masterpieces of the symphonic repertoire."

Brilliant, prize-winning violinist (and former CSU student) Nadir Khashimov joins the CSO for a performance of Tchaikovsky's ever-popular violin concerto. Arvo Pärt's music is profound in its simplicity and Dvorak's symphony is a celebration of Bohemian tunefulness. To learn more about the music being performed prior to the concert visit the CSO website at www.csoga.org. Listings of concert program notes complete with musical excerpts are available under each concert listing on the CSO website.

Khashimov Plays Tchaikovsky is presented by Aflac, Boomer 95.3, 103.7Litefm, News 1420WRCG and Columbus Marriott.

S'MORES – (Final Dress Rehearsal) for this concert is on Saturday, March 22, 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.

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