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WELCOME TO THE ORCHESTRA!

Since 1903, the **Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra** (SISO), composed of faculty and students of Southern Illinois University, talented community members and area professionals, has presented live orchestral music in Southern Illinois. In January 2001, the Illinois Council of Orchestras named SISO the Community Volunteer Orchestra of the Year in Illinois, and in January 2005, the Council named Music Director, Edward Benyas, Conductor of the Year in the Small Orchestra category. In 2005, the SISO established the **Southern Illinois Music Festival**, an annual summer festival that includes over 40 professional performances/presentations of classical music, ballet, art and jazz in two-dozen venues throughout Southern Illinois during the three weeks leading to the 4th of July.

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Since 1903, the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra (SISO), composed of faculty and students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), talented community members and area professionals, has brought outstanding music to Southern Illinois. In 1997, a Patrons Committee of prominent members of the community formed to raise funds and promote the orchestra as a community resource. Thus SISO serves all of southern Illinois with its component of community amateur and professional musicians, and its broad impact upon the cultural climate of the region.



In January 2001, the Illinois Council of Orchestras named SISO the Community Volunteer Orchestra of the Year in Illinois, and awarded it a Certificate of Recognition of Meritorious Programming for the 2001-2002 season. In January 2005, the Council named Music Director, Edward Benyas, Conductor of the Year in the Small Orchestra category. In 2007, Maestro Benyas received the "Keeping the Arts in Business" Award from the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. WSIU television and radio have been valued partners with the Southern Illinois Symphony, broadcasting important performances, on local radio and television over the past half decade.



Two significant recent events were the arrival in 1994 of Music Director, Edward Benyas, and the establishment in 1997 of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra Patrons Committee. The 45-member Patrons Committee volunteers their time year-round to promote the orchestra season, raise operating funds through corporate and individual contributions, sell program ads, increase the scholarship endowment, host pre-

concert dinners, post-concert receptions and an annual benefit dinner and silent auction. Some of the musical highlights since Mr. Benyas' arrival include: An appearance on national television (C-SPAN) during the funeral of the late Senator Paul Simon in 2003; performing for President Clinton, a bevy of state and local dignitaries and an audience of 10,000 in 1995; All-American music programs for Presidents' Day, Election Day, Black History month, Veterans' Day, Copland's 100th Birthday, and the Pearl Harbor 60th Anniversary; annual concerts for school children; "Six Tenors and More!" in 2000; the first Southern Illinois performance of Beethoven's 9th Symphony with a 100-voice chorus in 2001; a world premiere in 2009 of a work by Jim Stephenson commissioned by a consortium of orchestras, organized by the SISO; and the production and release of several compact discs.

In Fall 2004, SISO established Klassics for Kids. This monthly concert series helps expose infants and toddlers to live classical music and jazz. Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to help youngsters develop skills appropriate for a live performance in a somewhat informal atmosphere. In Summer 2005, the SISO established a three-week long professional music festival, running from mid-June through the Fourth of July. The Festival annually includes over three-dozen performances, the majority of which are admission free, with a world-class festival orchestra and internationally recognized soloists. Concerts include orchestral and chamber music, opera, ballet, musical theater and jazz, and stretch across Southern Illinois from Mt. Vernon to Cairo. The 2009 Festival will reach the state borders near St. Louis and Cape Girardeau.



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KLASSICS FOR KIDS

Admission is free to all concerts. Klassics for Kids exposes youngsters (and their parents) to live classical music and jazz. Sponsored by the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra, the series includes wind, string, piano, percussion and brass chamber music, jazz combos, opera, musical theater, and full orchestra. The concerts are open to everyone, and include instrument demonstrations and interactive activities.

- No reservation necessary
- Strollers welcome!

Parking: Please use metered Visitor Parking Lots 13 or 13a, between the Student Center and McAndrew Stadium, and walk north to Shryock Auditorium or Altgeld Hall (castle building).

Information: (618) 53-MUSIC (536-8742), E-mail: k4kids@siu.edu

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BACH, HAYDN AND MOZART

Sunday, October 28 // 2 p.m. // Shryock Auditorium

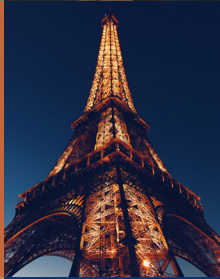
The Southern Illinois Symphony opens with a chamber orchestra performance, conducted by Edward Benyas, including music of Bach, Haydn, Mozart and more. Special guest soloists for the 2nd Brandenburg Concerto are SIU alum and trumpet phenom, Jered Montgomery, University of Illinois Oboe Professor, John Dee, and SEMO Violin professor, Sophia Han. SIU's own virtuoso Violin Professor, Michael Barta, performs the romantic Légende by Wieniawski.



VETERANS DAY AT 100

Tuesday, November 13 // 7:30 p.m. // Shryock Auditorium

The Southern Illinois Symphony recognizes the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, with music from the belligerent countries, including John Phillip Sousa's "In Flanders Field," Edward Elgar's "Nimrod" from the Enigma Variations, Aaron Copland's "Simple Gifts" and Berlioz' "La Marseillaise." Edward Benyas and William Bewley conduct.



THE POOR PEOPLE OF PARIS

Tuesday, February 12 // 7:30 p.m. // Shryock Auditorium

The Southern Illinois Symphony, conducted by Edward Benyas, presents a special "French Valentine" concert, featuring the jazz vocal and instrumental group, The Poor People of Paris.



STARS OF ALTGELD

Tuesday, April 2 // 7:30 p.m. // Shryock Auditorium

Southern Illinois Symphony accompanies winners of the annual college and pre-college Solo Competitions, along with Beethoven's iconic Fifth Symphony. Edward Benyas and William Bewley, Conductors.



VERDI REQUIEM

Thursday, April 25 // 7:30 p.m. // Shryock Auditorium

The combined Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri Symphonies, and combined choruses of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri Universities perform Verdi's monumental Requiem Mass. One of the best SISO programs of the decade also features world renowned soloists: Christine Brewer, soprano; Debra Hildebrand, mezzo, Brian Cheney, tenor and David Dillard, Baritone, all under the musical direction of Edward Benyas. Thanks to partial funding from the Student Fine Arts Activity Fee, all SIU students gain free admission with proper ID. Free post-concert reception in Altgeld 112.

SPECIAL EVENT

Tuesday, February 12 // 6 p.m. // Shryock Balcony Lobby

Pre-concert wine and cheese reception

WSIU RADIO PREVIEW

Friday, October 19 // 9 a.m. & Friday, October 26 // 8 p.m.

Tune in to WSIU Radio, 91.9 FM for a special hour-long preview of the 2018-19 Symphony season

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Stars of Altgeld (Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m.)		x \$22		x \$10	
Verdi Requiem (Apr. 25, 7:30 p.m.)		x \$22		x \$10	
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Pre-concert reception (Feb. 12, 6 p.m.)		x \$30		NA	
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