



The Elgin Symphony Orchestra (ESO) performed two socially distanced concerts this past September to sold-out audiences. The first performance, "Symphony on the Farm" was on Friday, September 11 at Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm in Pingree Grove. The second on Saturday, September 12 in Elgin at The Haight "Symphony in the City". ESO Executive Director, Erik Malmquist said, "COVID-19 has caused a great deal of pain and heartache in our industry. However, it has also opened a door to entirely new ways of presenting music and connecting with our patrons. Thanks to the ingenuity of maestro Andrew Grams and the adaptability of our musicians, we were able to open up two spectacular new venues and bring live music back to the region." Above: ESO's September 2020 performance at The Venue at Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm with Michael Brozick (left) and Ross Beacraft. Visit elginsymphony.org.

The QB Calendar

DANCING WITH THE BARRINGTON STARS **Barrington Area Council on Aging** **Saturday, February 6, 2021** **Virtual Live Stream, 7 p.m.**

Stars of Barrington will light up the stage in this good-natured competition raising funds for aging adult services in our community. This year's five local celebrity couples have been coached by professional dancers from the Bataille Academie of the Danse and Inside Chicago to create a themed routine. These dynamic duos will perform their dances virtually before an audience of supporters and friends who "vote" for their favorites. Donations determine who will be named this year's King & Queen of the Ballroom.

This year's Star couples are Pooja and Dr. Raja Chatterji, Kate and Lee Duncan, Judy and Peter Gibbons, Amy and Dr. James Kane, and Angela and Dr. Reinhold Llerena. For more info, contact Janine at 847-381-5030 or at joleary@bacoa.org. For event details and virtual ticket info, visit bacoa.org.

ESO 2021 SPRING SCHEDULE

"Fridays on the Farm" Concerts

The Venue, Pingree Grove

Chamber Orchestra Concert—May 21

Full Orchestra Performance—July 2

Maestro Grams' Farewell Concert—Aug. 6

Previously planned spring concerts at The Hemmens have been cancelled and are being

replaced with "Fridays on the Farm": a new, three-concert, outdoor spring and summer festival to be held at The Venue at Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch and Apple Orchard in Pingree Grove. The tented space allows for social distancing to comply with state guidelines. ESO subscribers have been notified by mail of the cancellation and the option to exchange or donate tickets. "We are excited to celebrate Maestro Andrew Grams' final season with the ESO at this beautiful location," Malmquist said. Grams, a protégé of Franz Welser-Moest, has conducted orchestras around the world. Visit elginsymphony.org.



Happy New Year!

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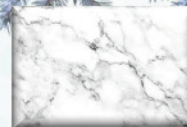
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