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InterSchool Orchestras of New York Presents The ISO Symphony in Concert

Program includes Dvorak's Eight Symphony

The InterSchool Orchestras will present its ISO Symphony in concert on **Friday, November 20** at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd-Faith Presbyterian Church, 152 West 66th Street, New York City. The program will include the delightful "Dance No. 1" from *La Vida Breve* by Manuel De Falla and Dvorak's Eighth Symphony.

Artistic Director Jeffrey Grogan says of Dvorak's G major Symphony that "it is one of the hallmark works in the repertoire, a piece that you never forget playing for the first time. It has delights and challenges for every instrument in the orchestra, and, at the same time, it is the perfect piece for learning to work together as an ensemble."

The ISO Symphony is the most accomplished among ISO's eight ensembles. It most recently performed to a packed Carnegie Hall in May. In summer 2014 it represented the U.S. in the Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland. Students in the orchestra represent dozens of schools from across the City and range in age from 13 to 18. All receive full scholarships in recognition of their achievement.

Jeffrey Grogan serves as conductor and artistic director of the InterSchool Orchestras of New York as well as the Greater Newark Youth Orchestras and music director and conductor of the New Jersey Youth Symphony. He is in his eighth season as the education and community engagement conductor for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, where he leads the NJSO in a variety of concerts each season.

About InterSchool Orchestras of New York

The InterSchool Orchestras of New York (ISO) creates opportunities for school-aged children in New York City to make music together through a family of ensembles. ISO provides a nurturing environment where all children can realize their personal best, achieve high artistic standards, and share their music with the community. Generous financial aid and scholarships insure that every child can participate.

ISO's ensembles include four youth orchestras for children who have been playing their instruments only a few years, two levels of intermediate orchestras, an intermediate band, and the advanced ISO Symphony. Admission to all groups is through auditions, which are held in January and June.

All groups rehearse weekly from early September through mid-May, and each gives at least four concerts: two in a concert hall and two in a community center or school. Instrumental coaches attend all rehearsals and play alongside their students offering assistance and encouragement in all ensembles except the advanced ISO Symphony.

The InterSchool Orchestras of New York's programs are made possible in part with public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the City Council; the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature; and many generous foundations and individuals.

More information on the InterSchool Orchestras of New York can be found at **isorch.org**.

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