



# FROM THE HEART

## West Suburban Symphony Orchestra

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**O**n April 24th, returning for their 75th season, the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra delightfully takes on *The New World Symphony*, Antonin Dvorak's musical letter to his Czech homeland, which was written during his visit to America. Also known as his *Symphony 9*, this piece will quickly steal viewers' hearts as it smoothly captures the spirit of folk music from two very different continents. It also includes familiar melodies, such as *Going Home*. Viewers will be charmed by Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt, Suite 1*, which showcases a Norwegian folk tale of exciting adventures and unbreakable love, also including the captivating *In the Hall of the Mountain King*.

Adding even more pizzazz to the performance is the lively overture to Bedrich Smetana's *Bartered Bride* opera, a comic tale of true love in a country village. Don't miss the joyful and wonderful spring concert by the very talented West Suburban Symphony musicians!

This concert will be presented without intermission and will run for about 75 minutes. All performers are fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19. The start time is 3:30 PM and the location is at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 501 31st St. Oak Brook, IL. 60523. All seating is general admission. Tickets are \$25 each. The discounted rates are \$23 for seniors ages 65 and over and \$5 for teenagers. Tickets for children ages 12 and under are free. Audience members are required to show proof of full vaccination at the door and be masked. Tickets are available for purchase at the door, by phone, by mail, or online at [www.westsubsymphony.org](http://www.westsubsymphony.org).

*Safety protocols for indoor concerts: Because your health is important to us, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination and facial masks are currently required for audience members of 5 and older.; we regret that children under 5 can not currently attend our concerts, due to their lack of vaccination. For our concerts, "full vaccination" means at least one Johnson & Johnson injection or at least two Pfizer or Moderna vaccinations,*

*with the most recent injection received no later than 2 weeks before the concert. When seated, your party will be able to socially distance from other parties. In addition, our performers are all fully vaccinated. Note: We currently plan to lift our masking requirements for our June 26 concert, unless the Illinois Department of Public Health again calls for indoor masking. ■*

