



## NEWS RELEASE

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### The Philadelphia Orchestra Announces Free Neighborhood Chamber Concert Series for 2017-18 Season

(Philadelphia, March 22, 2018)—Continuing its work to reach deeper into the communities of Philadelphia, and as part of its ongoing commitment to community service, The Philadelphia Orchestra announces four free community concerts at venues and neighborhoods off the Avenue of the Arts where the Orchestra is expanding its presence. These Neighborhood Chamber Concerts, featuring ensembles of varying sizes, will take place from April through July at the following locations: the Museum of the American Revolution in Old City, Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church in West Philadelphia, Historic Strawberry Mansion in East Fairmount Park, and Penn Treaty Park in Fishtown. These events are FREE and open to the public but online RSVPs at [www.philorch.org](http://www.philorch.org) are encouraged to receive the latest information regarding these concerts.

The Free Neighborhood Chamber Concert Series supports the Orchestra's **HEAR** initiative, a portfolio of programs that promotes **Health**, champions music **Education**, enables broad **Access** to Orchestra performances, and maximizes impact through **Research**. By providing access to music for new audiences, the Orchestra strives to strengthen its ties to the city it calls home. These concerts are generously supported by the William Penn Foundation's New Audiences/New Places grant.

"It is critical to our mission and our future that we continue to expand the breadth and reach of The Philadelphia Orchestra's music," said Dr. Michael Albaugh, director of collaborative learning at The Philadelphia Orchestra. "Through these Neighborhood Chamber Concerts, we look forward to sharing our music with audiences who may not have had the opportunity to experience it in Verizon Hall or elsewhere in the city. Our goal is to deepen our community connections and develop long-term relationships with these new audiences and venues."

Full details on the four performances can be found below. More information can be found at [www.philorch.org/HEAR](http://www.philorch.org/HEAR).

**The Philadelphia Orchestra's Free Neighborhood Chamber Concert Series**  
**Spring/Summer 2018**

**Sunday, April 22, 2018, 3:00 pm (pre-concert activities begin at 11:00 am)**

Museum of the American Revolution  
101 S 3rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19106

*This event is free and open to the public with no RSVP needed,  
but regular museum admission is still required to access the exhibits.*

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**April 29, 2018, 2:00 pm**

Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
3814 Parrish St., Philadelphia, PA 19104

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**May 6, 2018, 3:00 pm**

Historic Strawberry Mansion  
2450 Strawberry Mansion Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19132

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**July 21, 2018, 5:00 pm**

Penn Treaty Park  
1301 N. Beach St, Philadelphia, PA 19125

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