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Local Cuban-American Pianist Orlay Alonso to Be Featured in Columbus Symphony's New Indoor, Summer Series July 27

In 2017, the Columbus Symphony introduced a new indoor, summer series titled **Summer Night Music**. The third installment of this three-concert series, **Rossen Conducts Mozart!**, will feature the Columbus Symphony debut of local pianist and adjunct professor of piano at Capital University, Dr. Orlay Alonso. In this all-Mozart concert that features the intensely emotional Symphony No. 40, Alonso will join the Columbus Symphony and Music Director Rossen Milanov to perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 14.

The Columbus Symphony presents **Rossen Conducts Mozart!** at the Southern Theatre (21 E. Main St.) on Thursday, July 27, at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, please call 614.469.0939 or 800.745.3000.

The full program includes Mozart's Overture to *The Impresario*, Piano Concerto No. 14 in E-flat Major, and Symphony No. 40 in G Minor.

This program is supported in part by The Habash Family and Perez & Morris.

About Dr. Orlay Alonso

Pianist Orlay Alonso is gaining widespread recognition as a versatile performing artist throughout the US. He has captivated audiences at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Sprague Memorial Hall (Yale University), Steinway Hall, Rockwell Hall (Buffalo State University), Tishman Hall (New School University), The Spanish Institute, Lefrak Hall (Queens College), Rosch Recital Hall (SUNY Fredonia), Elebash Hall (Graduate Center of the City University of New York), Trinity Church, and the Liederkrantz among others.

Dr. Alonso has performed with the Bronx Arts Ensemble Orchestra, Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, Ossia Symphony Orchestra, Manhattan School of Music Orchestra, and The Ohio State Symphony Orchestra, and worked with such acclaimed conductors as Maestro Jonathan Strasser, David Gilbert, Allan Dennis, Marshall Haddock, and Orlando Alonso.

Dr. Alonso has garnered top prizes in numerous piano competitions, such as Kingsville International Piano Competition, Artists International Young Artists Piano Award, Kankakee Valley International Piano Competition, Joyce Dutka Arts Foundation Competition, Queens College Cultural Heritage Competition, The Young Bronx Artists Competition, The Ohio State Concerto Competition, and Isabel Scionti International Piano Competition.

For the past several years, Dr. Alonso has been sought after not only as a performing artist but also as an educator throughout the US, giving master classes and lectures at numerous festivals and universities. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from The Ohio State University, and serves as an adjunct professor at Capital University, teaching applied piano, piano literature, and piano chamber music.

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CALENDAR LISTING

The Columbus Symphony's Summer Night Music Series presents ROSSEN CONDUCTS MOZART!

Thursday, July 27, 8 pm
Southern Theatre (21 E. Main St.)

Columbus Symphony Music Director Rossen Milanov closes the inaugural season of Summer Night Music with an all-Mozart concert, featuring his intensely emotional Symphony No. 40 and the Columbus Symphony debut of local pianist and Capital University professor Orlay Alonso. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, please call 614.469.0939 or 800.745.3000. www.columbussymphony.com

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About the Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1951, the Columbus Symphony is the only full-time, professional symphony in central Ohio. Through an array of innovative artistic, educational, and community outreach programming, the Columbus Symphony is reaching an expanding, more diverse audience each year. This season, the Columbus Symphony will share classical music with more than 200,000 people in central Ohio through concerts, radio broadcasts, and special programming. For more information, visit www.columbussymphony.com.

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