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## The Columbus Symphony Invites Central Ohio to a Free, Outdoor Performance of Beethoven's Ninth on July 23

As a gift to the central Ohio community for its generous support, the Columbus Symphony and Music Director Rossen Milanov will hold a free, outdoor performance on Sunday, July 23, at the Columbus Commons. Supported in part by The Columbus Performing Arts Prize of The Columbus Foundation, Milanov will lead the full orchestra, 120-member Columbus Symphony Chorus, and a brilliant quartet of guest soloists in a performance of Beethoven's uplifting 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony which culminates in Ode to Joy, a heartening message of universal love and hope.

The Columbus Symphony presents Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony at the Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion in the Columbus Commons (160 S. High St.) on Sunday, July 23. Gates open at 5:30pm. The concert begins at 7:30pm, and lasts for approximately one hour. No intermission. **Admission is FREE.** All seating is general admission on the lawn. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs.

### Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony

Rossen Milanov, conductor  
Columbus Symphony Chorus – Ronald Jenkins, chorus director  
Helen Hassinger, soprano  
Megan Quick, mezzo soprano  
Jonas Hacker, tenor  
David Crawford, bass baritone

Experience the most important and inspiring classical music in this new and groundbreaking way—on the open stage this summer!

### Parking

Parking is available at the Columbus Commons Main Parking Garage, located at 55 East Rich Street, just steps away from the park. Spaces are also available at the Columbus Commons Underground Garage at 191 South Third Street. Parking is \$5.

### Food & Beverage Policy

Patrons may bring their own food and beverages or purchase from on-site vendors. Patrons are permitted to bring their own beer and/or wine on-site. Coolers are permitted, but must be less than 2.5 feet in height.

### Event Policy

Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for lawn seating but no tables. Pets, skateboards, solicitation or unauthorized sales, handbills, weapons, plastic tarps, tents, and use of stakes are not permitted. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only. Flash cameras, cell phones, laser pointers, and/or video or audio recorders of any kind are not permitted during the performance.

[www.ColumbusSymphony.com](http://www.ColumbusSymphony.com)

### CALENDAR LISTING

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**Sunday, July 23, 7:30pm**  
**Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion, Columbus Commons (160 S. High St.)**

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The 2016-17 season is made possible in part by state tax dollars allocated by the Ohio Legislature to the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically. The CSO also appreciates the support of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, supporting the city's artists and arts organizations since 1973, and the Kenneth L. Coe and Jack Barrow, J. Allen and Ruth Maxwell Pyne, Janet Leonard Reading, and James W. Overstreet funds of The Columbus Foundation, assisting donors and others in strengthening our community for the benefit of all its citizens.

#### **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](http://www.columbussymphony.com).

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