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### CIVIC SYMPHONY OPENS FALL 2020 SEASON WITH VIRTUAL VIDEO SERIES

GREEN BAY, Wis. - The Civic Symphony of Green Bay (CSGB) is opening the Fall 2020 season with a virtual video series comprised of three “movements” featuring the symphony’s local musicians. The first video, Movement I, was released Oct. 9. All videos are free for the public to enjoy and people can be notified when each video is released by subscribing to the CSGB’s emails or following the CSGB Facebook page.

In the first movement, the audience is given the opportunity to meet two of the CSGB’s string specialists: Michael Dewhirst (principal cellist) and Blakeley Menghini (principal violist). Dewhirst and Menghini are introduced by the CSGB’s director, Seong-Kyung Graham. Dewhirst and Menghini tell the audience about themselves, the responsibilities they have as the leader of their instrumental section, and perform some music.

The pieces Menghini performs include Frank Bridge’s “Spring Song,” Edward Elgar’s “Salut d’Amour,” and Gabriel Faure’s “Pavane.” Dewhirst performs J.S. Bach’s “Cello Suite No. 2 in D Minor: Movement IV - Sarabande” and Mark Summer’s “Julie-O.” Mark Summer is a modern composer known worldwide for his percussion and pizzicato techniques combined with bowed jazz and fiddle phrasing.

Movement II of the virtual video series will focus on learning about the different instruments and sections of the orchestra while Movement III will showcase some smaller ensembles featuring the symphony’s talented musicians. Movement II will be released in November and Movement III will be released in December.

The CSGB is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization made up of volunteer musicians who come from many backgrounds. They are doctors, engineers, teachers, professional musicians, and more. The virtual video series is sponsored by the John & Janet Van Den Wymelenberg Foundation, the Schneider National Foundation, and the NEW Dermatology Group.

For more information about the Civic Symphony of Green Bay’s virtual season, please visit <https://gbcivic.org/>.

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