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## **Austin Symphony Orchestra Announces Exciting 2025-26 Season**

**Austin, TX** — The Austin Symphony Orchestra (ASO) proudly announces its 2025-26 season, featuring an extraordinary lineup of world-renowned guest artists and thrilling repertoire. The **Masterworks Series** highlights performances by acclaimed violinist Stefan Jackiw, pianist Emanuel Ax, and violinist Nancy Zhao, along with Beethoven's iconic *Symphony No. 5* and R. Strauss' *Also sprach Zarathustra*. Audiences will also experience a unique performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, played on a Steinway Spirio player piano, recreating the brilliance of Gershwin himself.

The **Butler Pops Series** brings beloved films to life with live orchestral accompaniment, including *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* and the holiday favorite *Home Alone*.

Other season highlights include *Handel's Messiah*, a Halloween Children's Concert, and much more.

"The Austin Symphony Orchestra's 2025-26 season is a testament to our commitment to delivering world-class performances and enriching the cultural fabric of our community," said Justus Zimmerman, CEO/Executive Director of the ASO. "With an exceptional blend of iconic masterpieces, cutting-edge technology, and diverse programming, this season promises to inspire and engage audiences of all backgrounds."

For more information and to view the full season schedule, visit <u>austinsymphony.org</u>.

## ### About the Austin Symphony Orchestra

"The mission of the Austin Symphony Orchestra Society, Inc. is to enhance the cultural quality of life for the adults and young people of Austin and Central Texas by providing excellence in music performance and educational programming."

The Austin Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1911, is the oldest performing arts group in Austin, Texas, bringing world-class music and cultural enrichment to the region.