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A Grand Finale to the 2020-21 Season

Auburn Symphony Orchestra will close their 24th season with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's acclaimed "Jupiter" Symphony and Igor Stravinsky's Danses concertantes. See the full orchestra perform during the online premiere on **Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 PM at auburnsymphony.org.** The program will be available for free streaming through June 20.

Some of us can relate to the tragic year Igor Stravinsky had before writing Dances concertanes, full of great losses and grief. The music that he wrote however, is full of vitality and life. So much so that it was soon made into a ballet by George Balanchine.

Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony No. 41 (the composer's last) is exhilarating, complicated, and expressive. It was given the nickname Jupiter to illustrate the majesty and grandeur of the music. It is extraordinary for its use of counterpoint, or weaving together multiple melodies. It is complex, expressive, and radiant. Both of these pieces together will make for an exhilarating and grand concert experience.

During their 24th season, Auburn Symphony has produced an unprecedented number of concerts despite the challenging circumstances. The musicians and staff persevered and produced 15 new solo and ensemble programs, 4 archival concert videos, and 4 education videos. And all were offered to the public for free via online streaming. The performances began with small chamber groups on location at the Soos Creek Botanical Gardens. Numbers of musicians gradually increased, culminating in a full orchestra performance for the finale. The orchestra is looking forward to presenting in-person concerts next season.

Check auburnsymphony.org regularly for updates including performances and links to learning and listening resources. *Viva México!* is available for free streaming now through June 6. The Symphony is offering their concerts for free as a commitment to remain Creatively Connected to the community during this time.

More information is always available at <u>auburnsymphony.org</u> or by calling the Auburn Symphony office at 253-887-7777.

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