



ALL-STAR ORCHESTRA WINS 8th and 9th EMMY® AWARDS

Awards announced by The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

October 30, 2021 (New York, NY)— The multi-Emmy® Award-winning *All-Star Orchestra* received its 8th and 9th awards at the 64th Annual New York Emmy® Awards Ceremony of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. “*From Italy and Hungary with Love*,” a program featuring Mendelssohn’s beloved “Italian” Symphony No. 4, and Kodaly’s orchestral showpiece, *Dances of Galanta*, was awarded in the category: **Special Event - Edited** with Gerard Schwarz as Music Director, Habib Azar as Director, Dmitriy Lipay and Sascha Lipay as Audio Producers, and Andrew Mayatskiy as Editor. Co-Producers are Gerard Schwarz and Paul Schwendener. The program is part of the acclaimed classical music series featuring top musicians from across the country performing major symphonic masterpieces and works from leading contemporary American composers. The series has been broadcast nationwide on public television since September 2013, and has won Emmy® awards in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019. National broadcasts of Season Five began in July, 2020, in partnership with WNET/Thirteen, American Public Television, and Oregon Public Broadcasting.

The program ““*From Italy and Hungary with Love*,”” was also awarded this year in the category: **Audio Post- production**, with Dmitriy Lipay and Sascha Lipay as Audio Engineers/Editors.

Music Director Gerard Schwarz said, “For all of us at the *All-Star Orchestra* receiving these awards is confirmation of the importance of making great music accessible to all, especially in these challenging times of the pandemic. Great music brings hope and inspiration. It builds a sense of community. We are so grateful to WNET/Thirteen and to all of the remarkable public television stations in our vast country for believing in classical music. “

Maestro Schwarz's *All-Star Orchestra* is comprised of top players from some of the country's greatest orchestra's including Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Florida, Houston, Los Angeles, Minnesota, Nashville, New Jersey, New York (the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra), Oregon, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Seattle, St Louis, Utah, Washington D.C., and more. Together these musicians perform on one stage under the leadership of Maestro Schwarz who serves as Music Director of the All-Star Orchestra, Eastern Music Festival, Palm Beach Symphony, and Mozart Orchestra of New York and is Conductor Laureate of the Seattle Symphony and Conductor Emeritus of the Mostly Mozart Festival. He holds the position of Distinguished Professor of Music; Conducting and Orchestral Studies of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami and Music Director of the Frost Symphony Orchestra.

The series features classical masterpieces as well as new works from leading contemporary American composers. The series aims to expose classical music to an even broader audience while keeping the listening experience informative and accessible. In addition to performances of classical and contemporary works, the programs also feature musical excerpts, images, interviews and educational commentary by Maestro Schwarz, the *All-Star Orchestra* musicians, and special guests.

The All-Star Orchestra's Music Education Academy - in partnership with the Khan Academy – was founded in 2014 to bring great classical music to millions of students (**over five million students as of March 2021**). Online features and lessons present unique content including award-winning HD video, and enable self-learning via the Khan Academy– the world's leading free education website.

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