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The Cleveland Orchestra moving July 18 concert from Blossom Music Center to Severance Music Center

CLEVELAND— The Cleveland Orchestra is relocating its concert on Saturday, July 18, at 7 p.m. from Blossom Music Center to Severance Music Center as air quality remains a concern throughout the region.

The performance will feature the same program and artists, with Semyon Bychkov conducting Brahms's Symphony No. 4 and Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1, featuring violinist Karen Gomyo.

All tickets issued for the July 18 Blossom Music Center performance will be honored at Severance Music Center. Seating will be general admission, and Lawn Ticket Book vouchers will also be accepted. Patrons unable to attend the concert at Severance should contact the Severance Music Center Ticket Office via email at boxoffice@clevelandorchestra.com by July 24, 2026, to exchange to a different concert, donate their ticket for a tax credit, or receive a refund. Blossom parking hangtags will be honored in Lot 29, adjacent to Severance Music Center.

The Cleveland Orchestra appreciates the patience and understanding of our guests as these changes are made in response to current air quality conditions.

Calendar Listing:

BRAHMS & SHOSTAKOVICH

Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Severance Music Center

The Cleveland Orchestra

Semyon Bychkov, *conductor*

Karen Gomyo, *violin*

SHOSTAKOVICH Violin Concerto No. 1

BRAHMS Symphony No. 4

Brahms's Fourth Symphony is a work of contrasts, veering from bold orchestral statements to exuberant dances and concluding with an homage to Baroque master J.S. Bach. Semyon Bychkov conducts this symphonic classic alongside Shostakovich's First Violin Concerto. Composed under the watchful eye of

the Soviet Union, this virtuosic showpiece requires a violinist of Karen Gomyo's caliber to probe its mysterious and emotional depths.

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