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2019 - 2020 Season
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HAYDN, MOZART AND BEETHOVEN
Sunday, September 29 • 2 p.m. • Shryock Auditorium
The season opens with a chamber orchestra performance, conducted by Edward Benyas, including Mozart’s Symphony No. 39 and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 1. Professor Eric Lenz is soloist for Haydn’s Cello Concerto in C.

MAHLER AND GRIEG
Tuesday, October 22 • 7:30 p.m. • Shryock Auditorium
The combined orchestras of SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville will perform Gustav Mahler’s monumental First Symphony, conducted by Michael Mishra. Edward Benyas leads the ensemble as they accompany Awadagin Pratt in Edvard Grieg’s lovely Piano Concerto.

SIU AT 150
Tuesday, November 5 • 7:30 p.m. • Shryock Auditorium
The SIU Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble and special guests join the Southern Illinois Symphony to celebrate 150 years of American music, ranging from Sousa and Joplin to Gershwin, Copland, Bernstein and John Williams, in honor of SIU’s Sesquicentennial. Edward Benyas, Susan Davenport, Christopher Morehouse, and Cameron Taylor conduct.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH
Thursday, November 21 • 7:30 p.m. • Shryock Auditorium
The SIU Concert Choir, Choral Union and vocal soloists are accompanied by members of the Southern Illinois Symphony for excerpts from Handel’s Messiah and other Baroque holiday favorites. Susan Davenport conducts.

STARS OF ALTGELD
Tuesday, March 24 • 7:30 p.m. • Shryock Auditorium
The Symphony accompanies winners of the annual college and pre-college Solo Competitions along with Beethoven’s Symphony No. 6 (“Pastorale”). Edward Benyas and Cameron Taylor conduct.

GREAT OPERA HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, April 21 • 7:30 p.m. • Shryock Auditorium
The season concludes with 19th century opera highlights, joined by internationally recognized soloists and the SIU Concert Choir and Choral Union. Edward Benyas and Thomas Frost conduct.

SPECIAL EVENT
Tuesday, April 21 • 6 p.m. • Shryock Balcony Lobby
Pre-concert wine and cheese reception

WSIU RADIO PREVIEW
Friday, September 27 • 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Tune in to WSIU Radio, 91.9 FM for a special hour-long preview of the 2019-20 Symphony season

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