



### **RSO Activity during the pandemic in 2020-2021**

The RSO staff developed a plan for virtual content quickly to address the public need of access to the arts. We had multiple recording sessions, Livestream events, Watch Party Events, and zoom meetings throughout the year. All of this gave the RSO the ability to release content continuously through 2020 and 2021. All virtual concerts were published on YouTube.

On July 14, 2020, The RSO released "Summer," the first installment of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons.

On August 24, 2020, we released Mozart Concerto No. 3 in G Major with Lydia Weaver, our 2020 Young Artist Competition winner.

On September 2, 2020, we released Third Grade Concert – 2020 Virtual Edition.

On September 19, 2020 we had a "Video Release Party" for Vivaldi's "Autumn."

On October 24, 2020, the RSO had Polish Cultural Heritage concert with a fundraiser dinner. Patrons were able to order a Polish themed meal in partnership with one of the local restaurants then enjoy the release of Grazyna Bacewicz's Quartet for Four Violins.

On November 16 and 17, 2020, Our Artist-in-residence, cellist Joshua Zajac livestreamed two education sessions at UW-Parkside with a small live audience. He also livestreamed a community concert. The Racine Symphony has all these virtual performances online on our YouTube channel.

On November 21, 2020, the RSO had a Wine Tasting Fundraiser with the help of Uncorkt. Patrons were able to purchase wine packages and 10% of those sales were donated back to the RSO. 35 people participated in the fundraiser.

On December 1, 2020, we released Mendelssohn's Octet for Giving Tuesday.

December 8, 15, 22, and 23, 2020 we released short videos with popular Christmas music. Artistic Director Pasquale Laurino along with guest, John Komasa, recorded the videos for the enjoyment of our audience in time for the Holidays.

On January 23, 2021, we released Vivaldi's "Winter."

February 8-10, 2021 was the RSO's annual Young Artist Competition. Students submitted their recordings to the RSO which were then judged by a 3-person panel. The winner this year was Nolan Boerner, a sophomore at Prairie School.

On February 27, 2021, we did another Livestream on YouTube from UW-Parkside. This Winter Masterworks concert featuring Artist in Residence Joshua Zajac. We also released a Pre-Concert talk video of Pasquale Laurino about the Masterworks Concert.

On March 26, 2021, we had another "Video Release Party" for Vivaldi's "Spring" from the Four Seasons.

On April 18, 2021, we had another Livestream on YouTube from UW-Parkside. This Spring Masterworks concert featured Young Artist Competition winner, Nolan Boerner. We also released a Pre-concert talk video of some Q&A with Nolan Boerner.

On April 19, 2021, we released "Meet the Instruments of the Orchestra with the RSO" on YouTube. This video is geared toward young students and was previously recorded via Zoom in various sessions.