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**Jazz trumpeter and singer Ilya Serov performs**

**selections from the Great American Songbook**

**Award winner will make inaugural appearance with Riverside Philharmonic**

**RIVERSIDE** (**2 MARCH 2020)**: Jazz trumpeter, guitarist and singer **Ilya Serov** will join forces with **Riverside Philharmonic** to present selections from the Great American Songbook as a featured guest artist on March 7, 2020 at Coil School for the Arts in downtown Riverside. This one-of-a-kind concert is a continuation of the Riverside Philharmonic’s “Celebrating America” season and features music by Duke Ellington, Leonard Bernstein and Tomasz Golka. The orchestra will perform a world premiere of “Riverside Portraits” by Noah N. Zubia-Sanchez, the winner of 2020 Doug and Ray Magnon Composition Competition for college students, sponsored by the Magnon Foundation.

Ilya Serov, known for his innovative programming, will join the orchestra with his 4-piece band presenting some iconic American and Latin American classics including “I’ve got the world on a string”, “L.O.V.E” and “Girl from Ipanema” among others.

“This is my first collaboration with Riverside Philharmonic and second with their talented and incomparable Music Director Tomasz Golka. I must say that I feel honored to be presented in the company of Leonard Bernstein and Duke Ellington,” said Ilya Serov. “My performance on this program was inspired by some of my favorite musicians Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Dean Martin, Chet Baker and Nat King Cole. Don’t miss the original rendition of these all time favorite songs.”

“People should attend this concert, entitled "Riverside Portraits," because it is a fantastic combination of familiar and loved music with new and undiscovered gems. The concert also features a singer/trumpet player, the great Ilya Serov, and it will give symphony lovers a chance to hear a different style of music. Conversely, it will give jazz lovers an opportunity to hear a full symphony orchestra. I worked with Ilya on his first album, Back in Time, and I admire his artistry, versatility, and charisma. Audiences will be thrilled to see him live” said Tomasz Golka.

In addition to trumpeter and vocalist Ilya Serov, the band includes jazz pianist Marc LeBrun who has performed in the finest concert venues in the world and has made numerous television appearances with a long list of great stars; drummer Ryan Shaw who has shared the stage and recorded with Michael Bublé and Seth MacFarland among others; and bassist Max Kraus who has performed in concert venues from Bimhuis in Amsterdam to Capitol Recording Studios and the LA Opera.

Tickets are available at [*www.eventbrite.com*](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/riverside-philharmonic-magnon-composition-competition-tickets-92263644043?aff=ebdssbdestsearc)

***ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA:*** Established in 1959 as the Riverside Symphony, the orchestra’s debut concert took place April 7, 1959 at Ramona High School and was a sell-out. The Philharmonic has been delighting its audiences ever since with performances of well-known masterworks and newer compositions. The orchestra has been acclaimed by local and out-of-town critics for compelling performances and for its unique programming and exceptional roster of guest soloists. On several occasions, reviewers have dubbed the Philharmonic: “Best orchestra in Southern California.”

The orchestra performs weekend concerts in the state-of-the-art concert hall at the Coil School for the Arts in downtown Riverside. The orchestra has also appeared throughout the region, including Cerritos, the Ramona Bowl, Lake Elsinore, Fallbrook, Rancho Cucamonga, and Temecula. It performs at the annual Concert for Heroes at Riverside’s National Cemetery as a part of 4th of July observances.​

***ABOUT THE ARTIST:*** A trumpeter, guitarist and vocalist, Serov released his second album “***Back in Time”*** in 2018. Serov's homage to the Big Band Era, “***Back in Time”*** features the artist's smooth trumpet playing and unique vocal style. The album is highlighted by Serov's collaborations with Grammy-winning percussionist Poncho Sanchez (the sensuous Latin beat of "Tangerine") and pianist Roger Kellaway (the swinging Gypsy jazz of "C'est Si Bon" and classic pop swing of "L-O-V-E") as well as acclaimed sax player Eric Marienthal ("Old Devil Moon.").

Serov’s debut album, “**September in the Rain**,” was released in late 2013. A year later, he was named **Best New Artist** at the **Hollywood International Music Awards.** Although his last two albums consist of big band, swing and straight-ahead jazz, Serov is also an imaginative alchemist who experiments with contemporary jazz, R&B, pop and world music nuances. In spring, Ilya Serov will release his new soul and R&B album and feature an electric band in Spaghettini Jazz Club www.IlyaSerov.com. Later this year, Serov will join Dave Koz for his signature cruises “Dave Koz & Friends at Sea” in Amsterdam and British Isles [www.davekozcruise.com/2020](http://www.davekozcruise.com/2020)