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Jacksonville Symphony Musicians to Lead Five-Concert Tour in England this Summer

Jacksonville, Fla – Jacksonville Symphony musicians Eric Olson, principal oboe, and Ellen Olson, viola, will lead the San Marco Chamber Music Society on a five-concert tour in England this July. Other musicians joining the tour are Adelya Nartadjieva, concertmaster, Christopher Chappell, associate principal second violin, Brian Magnus, cello, and Giovanni Bertoni, principal clarinet.

Now completing its 16th season, the San Marco Chamber Music Society is a local nonprofit chamber music ensemble that presents several free concerts to the Jacksonville community each year with its home base in the warm acoustics of St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Hendricks Avenue.

This will be the group's third European tour after completing tours of Oxford, England, in 2016, and Berlin and Hamburg, Germany, in 2019. The musicians will perform at two venues in London and three venues in Oxford, including the historic Holywell Music Room where Joseph Haydn's string quartets were debuted and where George Frideric Handel conducted.

The repertoire of music includes pieces by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Edward Elgar, George Walker, Howard Hanson, Jim Stephenson, the Jacksonville Symphony's own Piotr Szewczyk and more. It is a priority for the San Marco Chamber Music Society to present American music and new compositions alongside the classics on this international tour.

About the Jacksonville Symphony

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida's leading music nonprofit offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras. For more information about the Symphony, visit <u>JaxSymphony.org</u>.

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