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Chicago Immigrant Orchestra Brings a Vibrant World Music Experience to Elmhurst University on March 26

ELMHURST, Ill. — When it comes to creating vibrant concert experiences with an international flair, the Chicago Immigrant Orchestra is second to none for evoking sounds that span the globe and come together in unique, harmonious ways.

This special blend of world music will be on display when the Elmhurst History Museum proudly presents the **Chicago Immigrant Orchestra** in concert at **Elmhurst University**, 190 Prospect Ave. in Elmhurst on **Sunday, March 26, 2023**. The concert takes place in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for General Admission and \$10 for those under 18, and they are available online at elmhursthistory.org (in the Programs section) or on Eventbrite at <https://tinyurl.com/3cw6xsrs>. Please note that seating in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel is open and seats are not reserved. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Free parking is available in the Elmhurst University parking lots and in nearby City of Elmhurst garages.

About the CIO

The Chicago Immigrant Orchestra was first established in 1999 by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events as part of the first annual Chicago World Music Festival.

Today, the Chicago Immigrant Orchestra has evolved to a 20-piece ensemble that consists of members of the Chicago immigrant community, representing musical traditions from all over the world. The orchestra explores the relationships and differences among these traditions, creating a cohesive tapestry of cultures.

In this fresh approach under the direction of virtuoso guitarist and composer *Fareed Haque* and multi-instrumentalist *Wanees Zarour*, Chicago Immigrant Orchestra musicians — from the Far East to Western Europe, Africa and the Americas — are thoroughly involved in the evolution of the musical concepts presented. From a Mongolian throat singer and horsehair fiddle player to a West African percussionist and more, numerous diverse musical styles from across the globe will be showcased in this eclectic concert on March 26.

Elmhurst History Museum's Related Exhibit

The Chicago Immigrant Orchestra concert is presented in connection with the Elmhurst History Museum's current exhibit, "In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities," which continues its run through May 14, 2023. The museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in Elmhurst (within walking distance of Elmhurst University). The exhibit examines the personal stories and experiences of area immigrants and their descendants as told through first-person accounts, photographs, treasured objects, video and more. Admission is free and more information can be found at elmhursthistory.org.

Don't miss this special opportunity to catch the amazing Chicago Immigrant Orchestra in concert on March 26 at Elmhurst University. For the latest information, please visit www.elmhursthistory.org or call 630-833-1457.

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The Elmhurst History Museum is a department of the City of Elmhurst supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. General admission is free. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our web site at elmhursthistory.org.