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KSO welcomes guest conductor Sameer Patel and pianist Weiyin Chen for Moxley Carmichael Masterworks' concerts on Feb. 17-18

As part of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series, critically acclaimed pianist Weiyin Chen will make her KSO debut with a deeply emotional program. Guest conductor Sameer Patel will return to the KSO Masterworks stage on Feb. 17-18 for the first time since 2014.

The performances are sponsored by Jarrod Blue and John Law and will take place at the Tennessee Theatre.

"I am thrilled to join the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra this month for our performances of music by Jennifer Higdon, Mozart and one of my favorite composers, Jean Sibelius," Patel said. "I last conducted the orchestra almost eight years ago, and I have very fond memories of our musical and personal interaction. I am looking forward to creating new memories with the KSO and to sharing this extraordinary music with the warm and enthusiastic audience I remember from all those years ago."

Described as "a thoughtful, lyrical and accomplished artist" by The New York Times, Chen will perform Mozart's widely recognized "Piano Concerto No. 25." Local composer Jennifer Higdon will open the show with her work, "blue cathedral," a piece that quickly became an orchestral repertoire staple. The concert will conclude with Sibelius' "Symphony No. 1."

Tickets can be purchased through the KSO box office at 865-291-3310 or online at knoxvillesymphony.com. Single ticket prices range from \$16-\$90, and children's tickets start at \$10. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets at a discounted rate by calling 865-521-2300.

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Led by Music Director Aram Demirjian, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra consists of 80 professional musicians and performs 300 programs throughout the region each season, reaching audiences of more than 200,000 people. The KSO performs in traditional venues such as the Tennessee Theatre, Bijou Theatre and Civic Auditorium, as well as non-traditional places like

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