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Elgin Symphony Orchestra 60th Season Celebration

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Elgin, IL – April 17th, 2010, as proclaimed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, is *Elgin Symphony Orchestra Day* in the State of Illinois! In honor of this proclamation the Elgin Symphony Orchestra will celebrate its 60th Season in red-carpet fashion with a live and silent auction immediately following the 6:00pm *ESO Goes to Hollywood* concert at the Heritage Ballroom at the Centre of Elgin. This special event begins at 8:00pm with a celebrity walk down the red-carpeted Walk of Fame where guests will enjoy a champagne reception.

The evening will be spent strolling through the over 60 silent and live auction items, all while dining on the cuisine of Elgin's finest local establishments. Live and silent auction highlights include a one week stay in a 17th century (fully modernized) cottage in Cotswold (England), a hot air balloon ride anywhere in the United States, and the gift of unlimited dental work for one year by Elgin dentist Dr. Dean Lodding, featured on ABC's *Extreme Makeover*.

Tickets for the 60th Season Celebration are \$75/guest or \$750 for a table of 8. Advanced ticket purchase required. For more information, call the ESO Box Office at (847) 888-4000 Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm, or visit www.ElginSymphony.org. To stay up-to-date on all ESO events, visit www.facebook.com/ElginSymphonyOrchestra.

ESO GOES TO HOLLYWOOD

April 16 (8:00pm) – Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts
April 17 (6:00pm) & 18 (3:30pm), 2010 – Hemmens Theatre
Robert Hanson, conductor | Kevin Cole, piano
*Please note 6pm start time for April 17th.

The ESO's month long festival exploring the music of American film composers opens by welcoming renowned American pianist and preeminent Gershwin interpreter Kevin Cole, performing music from the silver screen, including music of George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, John Williams and Max Steiner. Hear music from Gershwin's Piano Concerto, and Jerome Kern's Suite for the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film *Swing Time*! Clips from cinema classics *An American in Paris*, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, *Bandwagon* and *Singin' in the Rain* will be projected.