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93XRT Presents Todd Rundgren and the Chicago Sinfonietta – A Night of Harmony II

Todd Rundgren and the Chicago Sinfonietta will perform a benefit concert for Rundgren's Spirit of Harmony Foundation at the Chicago House of Blues (<http://www.houseofblues.com/chicago>) on Saturday, September 8. Concert begins at 8 p.m.

Orchestral arrangements of music spanning Rundgren's 50-year career will include hits, rarities, fan favorites, and some surprises. Rich Daniels of City Lights Orchestra (<http://www.citylightsorchestra.com/>) will be conducting.

General Admission tickets will go on sale Monday, July 23 at 10 a.m. Chicago time through Ticketmaster <http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/040054F235A491A0>.

This Benefit Concert is made possible through the generous support of Live Nation, Alchemedia Productions, Rich Daniels, and the Chicago Federation of Musicians.

The September 8 Benefit concert is part of a three-day weekend of events planned by the Spirit of Harmony, which also includes Rundgren's September 7 concert at the University of Notre Dame and a tiki/rock dance party at Martyr's on September 9 featuring the Intoxicats, a new collaboration including

Michele Rundgren, Greg Hawkes, and other critically acclaimed performers. Over the course of the weekend, the Spirit of Harmony will be encouraging people to donate used musical instruments that will be re-donated to children in the Chicago area through the Foundation's partnership with Hungry For Music (<https://hungryformusic.org/>) and the D'Addario Foundation (<http://www.daddariofoundation.org/>). Spirit of Harmony supporters and Rundgren fans from around the country and around the world will be in attendance. Go to <http://spiritofharmony.org/benefit> for more information about the weekend events.

Todd Rundgren is a musician, songwriter, record producer, whose musical career began at the age of 17 in the Philadelphia area. In 50 years as a bellweather of the music industry, Rundgren has produced an abundant and diverse range of recordings, as a solo artist and as a member of the band Utopia and various collaborations including Ringo Starr's All-Starr Band. As a songwriter, video pioneer, producer, recording artist, computer software developer, conceptualist, and interactive artist (re-designated TR-i), he has made a lasting impact on both the form and content of popular music. Rundgren has performed with numerous orchestras here and abroad, most notably the acclaimed Metropole Orchestra in Amsterdam.

In addition to the Sinfonietta, Rundgren will be performing with his touring band, featuring Jesse Gress (Tony Levin Band, Mahavishnu Project), Kasim Sulton (Utopia, Meatloaf, Joan Jett, Blue Oyster Cult), Prairie Prince (The Tubes, Jefferson Starship), and Greg Hawkes (The Cars).

The **Spirit of Harmony** (<http://spiritofharmony.org/>) advocates for the moral imperative of music education and music performance for youth, beginning at the earliest age possible, offered in schools or as after-school programs. The Foundation forges meaningful partnerships among music programs,

corporations, and other music education non-profits, engaging supporters and music fans to become involved in working with music education programs nationally and in their communities.

Chicago Sinfonietta (<http://www.chicagosinfonietta.org/>) has been called “the city’s hippest orchestra” by the Chicago Tribune, and is our nation’s most diverse orchestra. Now in its 31st year, the Sinfonietta presents innovative concerts that defy the definition of symphonic music. Through its educational and outreach programs, Chicago Sinfonietta provides thousands of children and adults with the opportunity to learn about and experience classical music. For many, these programs provide their only exposure to the rich cultural traditions embodied by the music, with programming designed to steward the next generation of diverse musicians, conductors, administrators, and patrons of classical music -- from their formative years in elementary school to the beginning of their professional careers throughout the country.

Rich Daniels has been making music professionally and appearing across the country at private events and concerts since 1974. He is the musical director of The City Lights Orchestra (<http://www.citylightsorchestra.com>) in Chicago. Over the years Daniels and the orchestra have appeared with some of the greatest names in show business, including Ray Charles, Garth Brooks, Mel Torme, Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, Dennis DeYoung, Diane Schuur, Dihann Carroll, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, The Manhattan Transfer, Frankie Laine, David Foster, and more.

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