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Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra Partners with the SPCA Cincinnati for the

"Barkestra Holiday Concert"!

Cincinnati, Ohio – We hear an encore! Musicians from the **Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra** will perform live at the **SPCA Cincinnati** this holiday season. You are cordially invited to cover this event on Tuesday, December 8th at 1 p.m. Select musicians of **CCO** will play in Sharonville, 11900 Conrey Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. We are thrilled about sharing this spectacular event with everyone via Facebook Live!

The **Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra** helped to provide what the **SPCA Cincinnati** coined as "Comfort Through the Crisis" during our *Barkestra Summer Concert Series*. The **CCO** reached out to the **SPCA** in hopes of making a contribution through a unique enrichment program for homeless pets in our care. Mission accomplished! "Having **CCO** play live for our animals is an extra special treat for our pets and our staff," says Mike Retzlaff, VP of Operations at the **SPCA Cincinnati**. "The **SPCA** recognizes the value music has on reducing stress for animals while in a shelter environment."

Live music has been impactful around the world during the pandemic, and we are excited to continue with the same positive energy for our shelter companions. The SPCA Cincinnati will also continue to adhere to 'social distancing' mandates issued by Ohio law. Please, tune-in to the SPCA's Facebook Live for this special occasion! For inquiries, please contact Nyketa Gaffney, SPCA Cincinnati's Public Relations Manager, at 513-526-3767 or Ngaffney@spcacincinnati.org.

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The **SPCA Cincinnati** <u>IS your hometown Humane Society</u>, **AND HAS BEEN SINCE 1873**. We are the problem solvers for everything animal-related from pet adoptions to vaccination clinics. We provide care for any animals that come to the shelter: food, medical needs, exercise, enrichment, and affection to get them ready to go to their new homes. We do all we can to support people so that pet surrender is a last resort, such as providing pet food donations for those under financial strain and behavioral training. We are the pet placement experts locally and across our nation. We partner with other "People" social service agencies to keep pets within their current homes and to improve their

quality of life. We value innovative educational techniques to keep pets at home, to enrich shelter life, to promote humane treatment of all animals and prevent pet overpopulation.

About The Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra:

The Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra is an ensemble of 32 professional musicians that launched the critically acclaimed summer music festival Summermusik in 2015. The CCO's size allows for creativity in programming, the ideal ensemble for presenting orchestral works ranging from the Baroque and Classical eras to commissioned works by contemporary composers. Collaborations with other arts organizations are a hallmark of the CCO. Summermusik concerts are presented in various beautiful venues all around Greater Cincinnati under the exciting leadership of Music Director Eckart Preu. ccocincinnati.org