The Plainfield Symphony Orchestra is Staying Connected in Its Video Chat With Charles From Vienna

The 100th anniversary season of the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra (PSO) has been cut short as a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic. Although we may not gather in person to perform for our valued audience, we are eager to stay connected through our innovative virtual offerings.

The PSO has produced a three-part series of video lectures and performances entitled Chat With Charles, including commentary from PSO Music Director Charles Prince. The series, which commemorates Ludwig van Beethoven’s 250th birthday this year, features informative discussions and performances of the composer’s iconic Symphony No. 5 in c minor, Opus 67. The series is presented in three parts: Movement 1, Movement 2, and lastly, Movements 3 and 4.

From his home in Vienna, Maestro Prince introduces each segment with discussion about the composition and its structure. He also shares personal interest information about the composer, including historical, cultural, and political events that may have influenced the work. Musicians from the PSO also perform key thematic examples from each movement. At the end of each lecture, you may listen to the PSO’s outstanding, professionally recorded performance of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony under the expert direction of Maestro Prince.

The Beethoven Chat with Charles is now available on the Plainfield Symphony YouTube channel. We invite you to visit us virtually and stay connected while learning about and enjoying a recording of one of the most famous and influential symphonic works of all time!

- The Plainfield Symphony Orchestra is New Jersey's oldest community symphony orchestra, and it is the third oldest symphony orchestra in the United States.
- Until we can again safely resume live concerts, we invite you to stay connected with us through information posted on our website at www.plainfieldsymphony.org, our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PlainfieldSymphony, and on our YouTube channel at The Plainfield Symphony Channel.