

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Romantic Quad City Symphony Orchestra Events

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Quad City Symphony Orchestra Event: Día del Amor/Valentine's Day

A Concert in the Masterworks Series

7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 11, 2012 **Adler Theatre** 136 E. 3rd St.

Davenport, IA 52801 2 p.m., Sunday, February 12, 2012 **Centennial Hall** 3703 7th Ave. Rock Island, IL 61201

Join Guest Conductor Alondra de la Parra and renowned guitarist Robert Belinic for a dazzling, romantic array of orchestral works, including:

Scheherazade

by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov:

A symphonic suite composed by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov in the days of Imperial Russia,

Scheherazade

is based on

One Thousand and One Nights

, also known as

The Arabian Nights

. This compelling classic combines thrilling orchestration with exotic legends of the East.

Concierto de Aranjuez

by Joaquín Rodrigo:

Joaquín Rodrigo, one of the finest Spanish composers of the twentieth century, wrote the

Concierto de Aranjuez

for classical guitar and orchestra. This beautiful composition was inspired by the gardens at Palacio Real de Aranjuez, the residence of the King of Spain.

Boléro

by Maurice Ravel:

Boléro

, a one-movement orchestral piece by Maurice Ravel, was originally composed as a ballet, commissioned by ballerina Ida Rubinstein. The piece is Ravel's most famous composition. An excerpt of

Boléro

is featured in the 1980 movie

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, and that romantic musical interlude significantly increased sales of recordings of the work.

For tickets, call the Quad City Symphony Orchestra Box Office at **563-322-QCSO** (7276) or visit

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Valentine's Day Gala

5 p.m., Saturday, February 11, 2012

Hotel Blackhawk

200 E. 3rd St.

Davenport, IA 52801

Black tie optional

In honor of the Día del Amor/Valentine's Day concert, the Quad City Symphony Orchestra will host a **Valentine's Day Gala** in the beautiful Hotel Blackhawk in downtown Davenport.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. In the luxurious Gold Room, you can enjoy hosted beer and wine, delicious appetizers, and the opening of the silent auction. At 6 p.m., you will be treated to a Latin-infused gourmet dinner accompanied by live flute and harp. At 7:30 p.m., stroll to the nearby Adler Theatre for the Día del Amor/Valentine's Day Concert. Listen and enjoy as the Quad City Symphony Orchestra and guest conductor Alondra de la Parra perform romantic favorites, including

heherezade,
Boléro

,
and the
Concierto de Aranjuez
with renowned guitarist Robert Belinic.

At 9 p.m., dance the night away to the sweet music of the Candymakers. You can also partake of delectable desserts, and celebrate the conclusion of the silent auction.

Silent auction items include an all-expense-paid Mexican vacation, an authentic Italian dinner for 10 prepared by Quad City Symphony Orchestra Music Director Mark Russell Smith, and a \$5,000 diamond pendant, courtesy of Holland Jewelers.

To take part in this elegant evening of music and romance, call the Quad City Symphony Orchestra Box Office at **563-322-QCSO** (7276) or visit www.qcsymphony.com. -- End --