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NJSO postpones *Gratias Tibi* premiere in solidarity with social justice protests

***Gratias Tibi*, which shares a message of gratitude to frontline workers
of the COVID-19 pandemic, will now premiere June 22**

NEWARK, NJ—In response to the tragedy of racism and the conversations and protests around social justice taking place in the United States, the NJSO has postponed the world premiere of José Luis Domínguez's *Gratias Tibi* to June 22.

NJSO President & CEO Gabriel van Aalst says: "Now is a time to listen to the voices of the Black community. Issues of systemic racism and social justice should be the focus of our national conversation.

"We still believe in the importance of sending gratitude to the frontline medical and service workers who have been at the forefront of the ongoing pandemic response, and we look forward to sharing *Gratias Tibi* later this month."

Gratias Tibi is an NJSO commission offering a message of thanks to the frontline medical and service workers responding to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) global pandemic. The Montclair State University Singers, longtime NJSO partners, will join the Orchestra for Domínguez's work for physically distanced orchestra and choir.

The world premiere of *Gratias Tibi* will now take place on June 22 at 7:30 pm at njsymphony.org/gratiastibi and on the NJSO's social media channels.

For more on *Gratias Tibi*, visit njsymphony.org/gratiastibi.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

Named "a vital, artistically significant musical organization" by *The Wall Street Journal*, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra embodies that vitality through its statewide presence and critically acclaimed performances, education partnerships and unparalleled access to music and the Orchestra's superb musicians.

Music Director Xian Zhang—a "dynamic podium presence" *The New York Times* has praised for her "technical abilities, musicianship and maturity"—continues her acclaimed leadership of the NJSO. The Orchestra presents classical, pops and family programs, as well as outdoor summer concerts and special events. Embracing its legacy as a statewide orchestra, the NJSO is the resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and regularly performs at State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick, Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank, Richardson Auditorium in Princeton, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown and bergenPAC in Englewood. Partnerships with New Jersey arts organizations, universities and civic organizations remain a key element of the Orchestra's statewide identity.

In addition to its lauded artistic programming, the NJSO presents a suite of education and community engagement programs that promote meaningful, lifelong engagement with live music. Programs include school-time Concerts for Young People and the NJSO Youth Orchestras family of student ensembles, led by José Luis Domínguez. NJSO musicians annually perform original chamber music programs at community events in a variety of settings statewide through the NJSO Community Partners program.

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