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Orchestra Collective of Orange County presents Musical Passions

Southern California's collectively-run symphony orchestra presents Tchaikovsky's Pathétique and a world premiere by Reena Esmail

Sunday, May 20, 2018
Anaheim United Methodist Church
1000 S State College Blvd
Anaheim, CA 92806
6:30 P.M. (pre-concert talk at 6:00 PM)
Free parking on site

\$20/general admission; \$15/seniors and students; \$10/ages 12 and under
Tickets available online (ocofoc.org), from the box office (714) 758-5247, or at the door

In the fifth concert of its 2017-18 season, **Orchestra Collective of Orange County (OCofOC)** will present "OCofOC Musical Passions" – a concert featuring the monumental Symphony No. 6, *Pathétique* of **Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky** and the world premiere of the orchestral version of **Reena Esmail's** *Vishwas*.

Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique* Symphony (mistranslated from a Russian word meaning "passionate") is one of the most beloved works of the orchestral repertory. Epic in scope but also deeply personal, this symphony has moved and thrilled audiences since its premiere in October of 1893, nine days before the composer's death.

Indian-American composer and Los Angeles resident Reena Esmail has worked with the Kronos Quartet, Albany Symphony, River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, and American Composers Orchestra. Her music is performed regularly throughout the US and abroad, and has been programmed at Carnegie Hall, the Barbican Centre in London, Schloss Esterhazy in Hungary, and throughout India. *Vishwas*, a narrative instrumental work inspired by Indian classical Bharatanatyam dance, was originally written for Dogs of Desire, the acclaimed new-music ensemble of the Albany Symphony. It tells the story of **Meera Bai**, a 15th-century Hindu saint-poet, and her struggle to maintain her spiritual marriage in the context of a mortal one. This performance will be the world premier of the expanded version for symphony orchestra, and will feature internationally-known tabla virtuoso **Jyoti Prakas**.

OCofOC is a collectively-run symphony orchestra based in Orange County, California. Founded in 2016 by veterans of the Southern California classical music scene, we believe that collaboration and self-governance can and will yield amazing results, both artistically and otherwise! A group that embodies and embraces diversity of all kinds, we strive to produce one-of-a-kind musical events that will thrill both longtime concertgoers and complete musical newbies. The concert will be conducted by OCofOC music director, **Dr. David Rentz**. Artistic director of the Orange County Symphony from 2011 to 2016, Dr. Rentz is an accomplished choral, orchestral, and opera conductor who currently serves as associate professor of music at Chaffey College and as a founding conductor of C3LA (Contemporary Choral Collective of Los Angeles).

OCofOC is proud to perform at Anaheim United Methodist Church's, which offers an intimate audience experience, with great acoustics and sightlines that give concertgoers a chance to get up close and personal with the music and musicians.

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