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SUNRIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL MAESTRO GEORGE HANSON CONDUCTS CHICAGO SYMPHONY

SUNRIVER, ORE – This past week Sunriver Music Festival’s Conductor George Hanson briefly passed the baton to Guest Conductor Frank Diliberto to make his debut conducting the world-renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the prestigious Ravinia Festival. This summertime outdoor series is celebrating its 79th anniversary this summer.

This was the first time that Hanson, who has been the Music Director of the Sunriver Music Festival since 2011, has conducted the Chicago Symphony. Hanson’s future schedule also includes a trip to France next April to lead the Philharmonic Orchestra of Nice.

“We couldn’t be more excited for George for this prestigious assignment,” states Pam Beezley, executive director of the Sunriver Music Festival. “It certainly reflects well on the quality of talent we have been able to attract to Central Oregon every summer for 39 years.”

Beezley adds that the Festival was thrilled to have Guest Conductor Diliberto filling in. A member of the Festival Orchestra since 1986, Diliberto was the principal bass with the Oregon Symphony until his retirement three years ago. He also served as an assistant conductor to James DePreist for five years.

The Sunriver Festival continues through August 18th and tickets are still available. Go online at www.sunrivermusic.org, email tickets@sunrivermusic.org or call the festival 541-593-9310.

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