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**ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TEAMS UP WITH MORE THAN 100 MUSIC EDUCATORS FOR FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT AT POWELL HALL, APRIL 24**

**SLSO Assistant Conductor Samuel Hollister leads educators and orchestra musicians in music by Georges Bizet, Gustav Holst, and Bedřich Smetana**

**(April 10, 2026, St. Louis, MO)** – The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will host a free community concert on Friday, April 24, sharing the stage with more than 100 music educators in a program that celebrates the importance and impact of music education in schools. Led by SLSO Assistant Conductor Samuel Hollister, Extra Credit elevates the talents of music educators alongside musicians of the SLSO. The concert is scheduled for 7:00pm, Friday, April 24, at Powell Hall at the Jack C. Taylor Music Center.

More than 100 educators were accepted for Extra Credit from school districts across the St. Louis region and Metro East, throughout Missouri, and as far away as south Florida. Ninety schools in more than 50 school districts are represented in the program, with an overall student impact of nearly 27,000. SLSO musicians, whose personal and professional lives have been shaped by the dedication of their own teachers, will share music stands with the participating educators.

The combined musical forces will perform works by Georges Bizet, Gustav Holst, and Bedřich Smetana. This event is free. Free tickets are required and may be reserved by visiting [slso.org](https://slso.org).

Extra Credit is one of dozens of free concerts the SLSO performs each year throughout the St. Louis region and at Powell Hall. Maintaining its commitment to supporting music educators, this is the fourth Extra Credit concert since 2017. Additional concerts took place in 2019 and 2022.

**Media Coverage:** Members of the media are invited to cover the concert for use in broadcast or print. Participating music educators will be available for interviews prior to the concert. For more information and to RSVP for the concert as a media guest, please contact Public Relations Director Eric Dundon at [ericd@slso.org](mailto:ericd@slso.org) or call 314-286-4134.

**SLSO Community Concert | Extra Credit**  
**Friday, April 24, 7:00pm CDT**

Samuel Hollister, conductor

**Gustav Holst**

*Mars from The Planets*



**ST. LOUIS  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA**

STÉPHANE DENÈVE, MUSIC DIRECTOR

**NEWS**

**Georges Bizet**  
**Bedřich Smetana**

Selections from *L'Arlésienne*  
*Die Moldau*

*Free tickets are required. Seating is first come, first served*

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**About the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra**

Celebrated as one of today's most innovative, exciting, and enduring orchestras, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is the second-oldest orchestra in the country, marking its 146th year with the 2025/26 season and its eighth with Stéphane Denève, The Joseph and Emily Rauh Pulitzer Music Director. Widely considered one of the leading American orchestras, the Grammy® Award-winning SLSO maintains its commitment to artistic excellence, educational impact, and community collaborations—all in service to its mission of enriching lives through the power of music. The transformational project that expands and renovates the orchestra's historic home, Powell Hall—designed by Snøhetta and creating the Jack C. Taylor Music Center—opened in September 2025. This milestone builds on the institution's momentum as a civic leader in convening individuals, creators, and ideas, while fostering a culture welcoming to all. For more information, visit [slo.org](https://slo.org).

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