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Proclamation

Proclaim March 11, 2024 to be the 10th Anniversary of Steven Byess as Music Director of Portland Columbia Symphony

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Whereas, Steven Byess is celebrating his 10th season as Music Director of the Portland Columbia Symphony Orchestra; and

Whereas, over these ten seasons, he has elevated the performances of this Orchestra, enhancing the quality and making it into the great Orchestra it is today; and

Whereas, Steven has tirelessly worked with the Orchestra to bring classical music of the highest caliber to audiences in Portland, Beaverton and Gresham; and

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Whereas, Steven has, through his community outreach to youth and other organizations in the greater Portland area, introduced classical music to a broader audience demographic and made it more accessible to all through targeted programming and ticket donations; and

Whereas, Steven has made it his personal mission to enrich the community through performances of classical music both composed by and featuring underrepresented female, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA2S+ musicians; and

Whereas, Steven Byess has been an inspirational leader to the Portland Columbia Symphony Orchestra musicians, administrators and Board, as well as to the organization as a whole.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim March 11, 2024, to be the

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In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day.

Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler;](#)
[Commissioner Dan Ryan](#)

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

March 6, 2024

Requested Start Time

9:45 am

Time Requested

20 minutes

Documents and Exhibits

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Agenda Items

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