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Cleveland Orchestra, Happy Dog partner for audience exchange

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Jung-Min Amy Lee, associate concertmaster with the Cleveland Orchestra, performs with pianist Tina Dahl at the Happy Dog near Gordon Square in Cleveland.

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When Happy Dog co-owner Sean Watterson agreed to begin hosting musicians from the Cleveland Orchestra, his aim wasn't just to drum up new business.

No, his actual goal was far more ambitious: to unite University Circle and Gordon Square, two of Northeast Ohio's most vibrant arts districts.

"The more we can do to connect these institutions, the better," he told **The Plain Dealer**.

Well, a major first step in that direction is now in the works, with an audience-exchange program called "Gordon Square Goes to the Orchestra," linking Severance Hall and Happy Dog.

The event centers on the orchestra's Dec. 3 "Fridays@7" concert, featuring guest conductor Pinchas Steinberg performing Mahler's "Titan" Symphony No. 1 and a post-concert show by the New York Gypsy All-Stars Band.

Through a special offer by the orchestra, floor-level tickets to the "Fridays@7" concert are available for \$25. Use promo code 8795 at 216-231-1111 or clevelandorchestra.com.

Before the performance, however, at 6 p.m., the orchestra will offer complimentary bus service to Severance Hall from **Happy Dog**, 5801 Detroit Ave., Cleveland. Afterward, the service will return patrons to Happy Dog for a free (for orchestra patrons) indie rock performance at 10 p.m. by Bill Fox and Tadpoles.

Finally, those who started off their evening in University Circle will be able to ride the bus back to Severance Hall, departing Happy Dog at midnight. For more information, contact the orchestra, or call Happy Dog at 216-651-9474.

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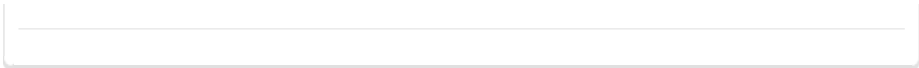
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
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