

## **Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra 2009–2010 SEASON**

**Fabio Mechetti**, Music Director and Principal Conductor

*Haskell Endowed Chair*

**Michael Buttermann**, Resident Conductor

**Michael Krajewski**, Principal Pops Conductor

*Calvin and Ellen Hudson Charitable Trust Endowed Chair*

**Revised as of 3-19-09 – All programs, dates, artists and ticket prices are subject to change. All concerts are in Robert E. Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, unless otherwise noted.**

### **Fidelity National Financial Masterworks Series**

10 concerts – Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.

7 concerts – Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

September 25, 26, 2009

#### **Lincoln Portrait**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Anne Akiko Meyers, violin\*

Narrator, TBA\*\*

The prodigious violinist Anne Akiko Myers delights audiences worldwide. Her talent, stunning beauty and stage presence are perfect counterparts to Barber's sweet-sounding orchestral favorite. We also honor Lincoln's bicentennial with Copland's famous tribute, *Lincoln Portrait*.

**Copland** *Lincoln Portrait\*\**

**Barber** Violin Concerto\*

**Dvořák** Symphony No. 8

October 15, 16, 17, 2009

#### **Tchaikovsky's Pathétique**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Antti Siiralla, piano\*

Tchaikovsky's immortal "Pathétique" is a reflection of the composer's deeply discordant life, a complex texturing of emotion – sorrow leavened with hope, and happiness tinged with a foreboding of despair.

**Rachmaninoff** *The Rock: Fantasy*

**Mendelssohn** Piano Concerto No. 2\*

**Tchaikovsky** Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique"

November 5, 6, 7, 2009

#### **Carmina Burana**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Stacey Tappan, soprano\*

Christopher Pfund, tenor\*

Leon Williams, baritone\*

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus\*+

Jacksonville Children's Chorus \*

If triumph over adversity ever needed a soundtrack this is it. The powerful and seductive emotions of *Carmina Burana* and Brahms' visions of destiny will set the stage for an incredible night of music, featuring the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus – celebrating 25 years of great music with the JSO.

**Brahms** *Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny)+*

**Orff** *Carmina Burana\* +*

November 19, 20, 21, 2009

#### **Beethoven's Eroica**

Michael Buttermann, conductor

Kirill Gerstein, piano\*

Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 was dedicated to Napoleon, until his beloved hero crowned himself Emperor. He carved the title out with a knife and renamed it "Heroic Symphony" to champion the rights of all

mankind. "Eroica" became the turning point for musical Romanticism and forced the world to rethink who was the true conqueror – Bonaparte or Beethoven?

**Hailstork** *An American Port of Call*  
**Liszt** Piano Concerto No. 2\*  
**Beethoven** Symphony No. 3, "Eroica"

January 15, 16, 2010

### **Organ Symphony Celebration**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Felix Hell, organ\*

We're pulling out all the stops to celebrate the tenth year of the Bryan Concert Organ. This historic Casavant belts out a massive kaleidoscope of sound with 6,215 pipes in all.

**Bach/Stokowski** Toccata and Fugue (orchestral transcription)

**Jongen** Sinfonia Concertante\*

**Saint-Saëns** Symphony No. 3, "Organ Symphony"\*

February 5, 6, 2010

### **Van Cliburn Gold**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Van Cliburn Gold Medalist (TBA), piano\*

Who came first – Van Cliburn or "The Van Cliburn"? The Cliburn Competition is as famous as the legendary pianist himself. And its distinguished winners continue to bring the highest quality music to audiences everywhere. Be among the select few to witness the debut tour of the 2009 Van Cliburn winner, performing one of Beethoven's monumental concertos.

**Barber** Essay No. 1

**Beethoven** Piano Concerto (TBA)\*

**Stravinsky** *Petrushka* (1947)

February 25, 26, 27, 2010

### **Chee-Yun, Mozart & Brahms**

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Chee-Yun, violin

An artist with masterful disposition, Chee-Yun is perfectly matched for this work of Mozart, his final concerto for violin, brilliant in theme and rich in color. At the podium will be Grammy-winner JoAnn Falletta, "one of the finest conductors of her generation" (*New York Times*).

**Debussy** *Petite Suite*

**Mozart** Violin Concerto No. 5

**Brahms** Symphony No. 2

March 18, 19, 20, 2010

### **Alisa Plays Shostakovich**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Alisa Weilerstein, cello\*

Alisa Weilerstein is sure to capture the sardonic tone of Shostakovich, all the while impressing upon the audience her distinctive musical personality. The world-renowned Weilerstein will delight audiences with a piece steeped in folk lullaby and Soviet satire.

**Shostakovich** Cello Concerto No. 1\*

**Bruckner** Symphony No. 4, "Romantic"

April 15, 16, 17, 2010

### **Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Arnaldo Cohen, piano\*

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus+

Audience favorite Arnaldo Cohen returns for a wild and exciting rendition of the ultimate piano challenge – Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto. Composer and JSO violinist (!) Piotr Szewczyk, winner of Fresh Ink 2008, premieres a fanfare for the First Coast and the JSO Chorus sings the sweet melodies of Mendelssohn.

**Szewczyk** *First Coast Fanfare* (Fresh Ink Commission – World Premiere)

**Mendelssohn** Psalm 98, "Sing to the Lord"+

**Mendelssohn** Psalm 114, "The Journey from Israel to Egypt"+

**Rachmaninoff** Piano Concerto No. 3\*

May 13, 14, 15, 2010

### **Pictures at an Exhibition**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Kayo Ishimaru, harp\*

Take a stroll through one of the most triumphant musical art tours of all, *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Art inspires music by composer Michael Colina in a modern rendition of Goya's famous images. (30)

**Colina** *Los Caprichos*

**Ginastera** Harp Concerto\*

**Mussorgsky/Ravel** *Pictures at an Exhibition*

### **Friday Fusion**

4 concerts – Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Pre-concert food and drinks at 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to fuse your evening's entertainment together for a complete experience at the Times-Union Center. Enjoy a tastefully arranged variety of symphonic gems introduced from the stage by our artists, pre-concert food based on the concert theme, and time to stay and mingle afterwards with audiences and musicians. Plans are in the works for visual art, jazz and acoustic music and more entertaining elements, all at this great location on the St. Johns River.

October 9, 2009

### **German Fusion**

Michael Butterman, conductor

Kevin Reid, horn\*

Christopher Dwyer, horn\*

Alexei Romanenko, cello+

Conductor Michael Butterman returns to the JSO stage for a celebration of music from Berlin to Vienna. Our own Kevin Reid and Christopher Dwyer collaborate on Beethoven's Duo for Two Horns and Alexei Romanenko dazzles in a performance of Schumann's Cello Concerto. Works from Mozart, Schubert and "The Waltz King" Strauss will also add to the musical festivities.

**Schubert** *Alfonso and Estrella Overture*

**Schumann** Cello Concerto+

**Beethoven** Duo for Two Horns\*

**Mozart** Symphony No. 34

**Strauss** *Pizzicato Polka*

**Strauss** *Thunder and Lightning Polka*

January 29, 2010

### **French Fusion**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Peter Wright, clarinet\*

Join the JSO and clarinetist Peter Wright for a night showcasing the crème de la crème of French music, highlighting romantic and mystical works from Milhaud, Ravel, and Gounod, along with Wright's performance of Bozza's Clarinet Concerto. And because no French musical showcase would be complete without it, you'll hear a suite from Bizet's *Carmen*.

**Milhaud** *The Creation of the World*

**Bozza** Clarinet Concerto\*  
**Ravel** *Pavane for a Dead Princess*  
**Gounod** Faust: Ballet Music  
**Bizet** *Carmen*: Suite No. 2

March 12, 2010

### **Italian Fusion**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Stephanie Jeong, violin\*

Enjoy a night of Old World Italy with Paganini's Violin Concerto No. 1 featuring Stephanie Jeong, who captured the highest award at the 2008 Paganini Competition. Fabio Mechetti and the JSO highlight the Italian inspirations of Rossini and Puccini, as well as Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances*.

**Rossini** *La scala di seta (The Silken Staircase)*: Overture

**Paganini** Violin Concerto No. 1\*

**Respighi** Ancient Airs and Dances Set 3

**Puccini** Capriccio sinfonico

April 9, 2010

### **Latin Fusion**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Peter Soave, bandoneon\*

Sounds from Argentina to Andalusia set the stage with works such as Falla's Three Cornered Hat, Copland's Latin-American Sketches and Piazzolla's Concerto for Bandoneon, the accordion-like instrument that creates the essential tango sound.

**Copland** Three Latin-American Sketches

**Falla** *Three Cornered Hat*: Suite No. 1

**Lecuona/Gould** Andalucia Suite

**Piazzolla** Concerto for Bandoneon\*

**Piazzolla/Mechetti** *Spring in Buenos Aires*

**Piazzolla/Mechetti** *Oblivion*

**Piazzolla/Mechetti** *Adios Nonino*

## **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Pops Series**

8 concerts – Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.

October 2, 3, 2009

### **Fly Me to the Moon**

Michael Krajewski, conductor

Michael Andrew, guest artist

In the style of famous crooners Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Nat King Cole, Michael Andrew is sure to delight with his performances of celestial songs like "Fly Me To the Moon," "Moon River," "Unforgettable" and many more.

October 23, 24, 2009

### **Chaplin at the Symphony with Dan Kamin**

Grant Cooper, conductor

Dan Kamin, guest artist

It's an uproarious evening of comedy and music! Experience the genius of Charlie Chaplin the way his original audiences did – on the big screen, with live musical accompaniment. Enjoy two timeless comedies, *Easy Street* and *The Immigrant*, accompanied by Grant Cooper's whimsical score, full of jazz, wit and delight at every comic turn of events.

"Part Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, mixed with Marcel Marceau, Andy Kaufman and Steve Martin. It adds up to a demented, charming and brilliant performance."

- *The Morning Call*, Allentown, PA

November 13, 14, 2009

**American Salute with Sandi Patty**

Michael Krajewski, conductor

Sandi Patty, guest artist

Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Concert Chorale

One of the most highly acclaimed performers of our time, Sandi Patty is simply known as "the Voice." The five-time Grammy winner and Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee speaks to the heart of Americana and her performances have become synonymous with patriotic celebration. In honor of Veteran's Day, Sandi joins the JSO for a salute to our great nation with her signature renditions of "God Bless America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and many more.

December 11, 12, 2009

**Holiday Pops**

Scott Terrell, conductor

Lynn Roberts, guest artist

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

Jacksonville Children's Chorus

Celebrate the season as the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra brings you wonderful melodies with symphonic yuletide favorites. Lynn Roberts, songbird extraordinaire, joins the festivities while the Symphony Chorus and Children's Chorus will warm your hearts. Share the spirit with family and friends and be a part of Jacksonville's great holiday celebration.

January 22 & 23, 2010

**A Tribute to Ray Charles**

Steven Reineke, conductor

Ellis Hall, guest artist

From country to blues, jazz, R&B and funk, Ray Charles set the standard for greatness. Join the electrifying Ellis Hall for a celebration of the pioneering singer-pianist-composer who gave us years of soulful joy with hits such as "Georgia on My Mind," "Hit the Road Jack" and "Unchain My Heart."

February 19, 20, 2010

**John Williams Spectacular**

Michael Krajewski, conductor

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

From the cinema to the symphony, John Williams is an American icon. With a list of movie score credits of more than 100 and counting, John Williams owns the record for the most Oscar nominations for a living person. Re-live the excitement and enjoy favorite melodies from films such as *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, *Star Wars*, *Jaws*, *Harry Potter*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Superman*.

March 5, 6, 2010

**Broadway Rocks!**

Steven Reineke, conductor

Christina Norrup, Mark Willett, Kirsten Bracken and Zachary Prince, guest artists

Broadway never had a beat like this! The hits of modern Broadway come alive with a dazzling lineup of star-power singers and our own college choruses from University of North Florida, Jacksonville University and FSCJ bursting with energy. With songs from blockbuster musicals like *West Side Story*, *Grease*, *Wicked* and *Fame*, this concert is filled with one great moment to the next.

March 26, 27, 2010

**Pink Martini**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Pink Martini, special guests

Back by popular demand, Pink Martini joins the JSO to showcase their unmistakably romantic 40's-style sound. Fresh off the heels of a new album release, the group performs an eclectic variety of original tunes and forgotten classics, bringing a distinctively modern touch to songs from bygone eras and exotic lands.

## **Premier Special Events – Oklahoma!, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Itzhak Perlman, and Cosi Fan Tutte**

Friday, September 18, 2009, at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 2 p.m.

### **Oklahoma!**

Michael Butterman, conductor

Tod Booth, director

Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical tale of love, community and patriotic passion in the heart of rural America was modern Broadway's first real phenomenon. Its colorful costumes, brilliant choreography and beloved songs like "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'," "Surrey With The Fringe On Top" and "People Will Say We're In Love" have made it a timeless classic. The cast of the Alhambra Theatre joins the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra for a semi-staged concert production of the complete musical in the Times-Union Center's Jacoby Symphony Hall.

Saturday, January 9, 2010, at 8 p.m.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

#### **Featuring Itzhak Perlman**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Itzhak Perlman, violin

Celebrate the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's 60-year legacy with special guest Itzhak Perlman. Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Perlman is synonymous with landmark events, including one from our history – the grand opening of the JSO's new home in the Times-Union Center.

Saturday, February, 13, 2010, at 8 p.m.

### **Mozart's Opera: Cosi Fan Tutte**

#### **Sponsored by the Julius N. Frankel Foundation**

Jim and Jan Moran Theater

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus and guest soloists

Mozart's comic wit strikes again in perfect style for Valentine's weekend. Two guys boast that their fiancées would never stray, so their buddy challenges them to a wager. "All women are fickle," he claims. They then try to seduce each other's betrothed in disguise as a test of their beloved's faithfulness. How far will this gamble go? When love is true, it passes all tests.

*Fully-staged opera, sung in Italian with English supertitles.*

## **Holiday Special Events**

Friday, December 4, 2009, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 2 p.m.

### **First Coast Nutcracker**

Jim and Jan Moran Theater

Michael Butterman, conductor

Enter the world of childlike imagination as the enchanting First Coast Nutcracker showcases internationally acclaimed dancers, our area's finest dance corps and Tchaikovsky's beloved melodies performed live by your JSO.

Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Holiday Pops Encore**

Scott Terrell, conductor

Lynn Roberts, guest artist

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

Jacksonville Children's Chorus

Share the spirit of the season with family and friends and be a part of Jacksonville's great holiday celebration.

Saturday, December 19, 2009

**Handel's Messiah**

Michael Buttermann, conductor

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus and guest soloists

Amidst the frenzied hustle and bustle, it's difficult to find an oasis of sanity where the meaning of Christmas isn't trampled upon. We have your oasis – Handel's *Messiah*. Hallelujah!

**More Special Events**

Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 8 p.m.

Jim and Jan Moran Theater

Christopher Confessore, conductor

**The Music of Pink Floyd**

The Machine, guest artists

Welcome to "The Machine" – a band whose sole focus is to make every show an authentic Floydian experience, with dramatic lighting, video and theatrics, enhancing and expanding the sonic depth of Pink Floyd.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

**Musicians' Pension Benefit Concert**

Fabio Mechetti, conductor

Rachel Barton Pine, violin

Support your JSO musicians, whose commitment to the community elevates our civic pride for all.

Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22, 2010 at 8 p.m.

**Cirque de la Symphonie**

Michael Krajewski, conductor

Cirque nouveau-style acrobats and artists return to the JSO stage to meet the full power of symphonic sound.

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. (Final Concert)

Reading Sessions: May 25 and 26 (Times TBA)

**Fresh Ink – Florida Composer's Competition**

Sponsored by Yvonne and Cecil West

Listen with composers from across Florida to the live sounds of their newest creations.

**Plugged In Series**

3 concerts – Saturdays at 8 p.m.

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's popular Plugged In Series spotlights the defining moments by the artists who created the era we call Classic Rock. Each concert is a sonic journey, with rock bands and captivating lead vocalists, backed by the power of a live symphony orchestra.

October 10, 2009

**The Music of Eric Clapton**

Jeff Christmas, conductor

Rik Emmett, guitar and lead vocalist with band

January 30, 2010

**Woodstock's Greatest Hits**

Jeff Christmas, conductor

Neil Donnell, Karen LeBlanc and Aaron Macdonald, vocalists with band

March 13, 2010

**The Music of James Taylor**

Jeff Christmas, conductor

Neil Donnell, lead vocalist with band

## Coffee Series

10 concerts – Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Classics: 5 concerts – Coffee Pops: 5 concerts

Coffee Classics

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Coffee Pops

May 21, 2010

Michael Krajewski, conductor

**"Cirque de la Symphonie"**

### **Target Family Series**

4 concerts – Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Pre-concert activities at 2:00 p.m.

October 25, 2009

### **Symphonic Spooktacular – The Classical Clown**

Grant Cooper, conductor

Dan Kamin, guest artist

Wear your costume and celebrate Halloween with The Classical Clown! Watch the sparks fly as he battles the maestro for control of the orchestra. You'll be laughing out of your seat and your kids will discover classics by Beethoven, Stravinsky, Strauss and more.

December 13, 2009

### **JSYO Sounds of the Season**

Scott Gregg, conductor

The JSYO holiday concert is an inspiration for young listeners, as they watch the "big kids" in the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra Philharmonic play their yuletide favorites.

January 24, 2010

### **Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs & Ham**

Christopher Confessore, conductor

Maria Jette, guest artist

Go GREEN! We love going green so much we'll go green with Green Eggs & Ham. Join us for a merry musical romp through this Dr. Seuss classic and go green with more music and activities celebrating the earth, nature and the environment.

February 21, 2010

### **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs**

Christopher Confessore, conductor

Tim Marrone, guest artist

Wait until you've heard Mr. Wolf's side of the story. He huffs, and he puffs, and he has a very bad sneezing cold. He also needs a cup of sugar for his granny's birthday cake. Watch author Jon Scieszka's story come to life with famous symphonic tunes. Then decide for yourself – Big Bad Wolf... or frame-up?

### **Publix Super Markets Charities** **Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra**

Scott Gregg, Music Director and Principal Conductor

*Winston Family Endowed Chair*

3 concerts – General Admission

The Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra assembles the most talented young musicians from all over the First Coast into one of the finest youth orchestra programs in the region. The JSYO offers comprehensive orchestral training to more than 200 students ranging from first grade through early college, comprising six ensembles, and led by a team of professional conductors and coaches.

**Fall Concert** – Sunday, November 8, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

**Spring Concert** – Sunday, March 7, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

**Major/Minor Concert** – Friday, May 7, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.

With the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra