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JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM FIRST CONCERT ON OCTOBER 8

JACKSONVILLE, FL (September 27, 2017) – The Jacksonville Symphony Civic Orchestra will perform their first concert on Sunday, October 8 in Jacoby Symphony Hall.

WHO: The concert will be conducted by Jacksonville Symphony Associate Conductor **Nathan Aspinall**. The **Jacksonville Symphony Civic Orchestra** is comprised of community members from all over Jacksonville playing beside Jacksonville Symphony musicians. Not all are professional musicians, but each of the Civic Orchestra members embodies a passion to share music with their community.

WHAT: During the 2015-16 inaugural season the Jacksonville Symphony Civic Orchestra consisted of 61 individuals from all over Jacksonville who played an orchestral instrument and joined with the members of the Symphony to perform for friends, family and the community once a year. Now in its third year, the Civic Orchestra is expanding its season to perform two concerts on October 8 in the fall and March 11 in the spring.

The program opens with Shostakovich's regal *Festive Overture* and continues to selections from Holst's *The Planets*. The concert will finale with Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio espagnol*.

WHEN: The concert will take place at 5:00pm on Sunday, October 8.

WHERE: The concert will take place in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall.

TICKETS: Tickets for adults are priced at \$10 and tickets for children are priced at \$5. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Ticket Officer at 904.354.5547 or by visiting JaxSymphony.org.

REGISTRATION: Registration for the Spring Civic Orchestra will open in December. It just takes an online registration, a \$50 fee and the dedication to rehearse with the Symphony in the week leading up to the concerts.

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The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida's leading music nonprofit offering live performances at Jacoby Hall in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra. For more information about the Symphony, visit JaxSymphony.org, like them at facebook.com/JaxSymphony, follow them on @jaxsymphony, on Instagram at JaxSymphony and on YouTube at JacksonvilleSymphony.