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JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY TO OPEN SEASON THIS SATURDAY, SEPT 16th
JACOBY SYMPHONY HALL SPARED FROM FLOOD WATERS
ALL REMAINING TICKETS REDUCED TO \$50; PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT FIRST COAST RELIEF FUND

JACKSONVILLE, FL (September 13, 2017) – As the First Coast recovers from Hurricane Irma, the Jacksonville Symphony will open its 2017-2018 performance season this Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall. In response to Hurricane Irma, the Symphony is pricing all remaining tickets at \$50. In addition, the Symphony is designating 100 complimentary tickets to victims of Irma and our community's first responders. A portion of the proceeds from the concert will benefit the Community Foundation's First Coast Relief Fund.

"While we understand that many in this area are still suffering," said Robert Massey, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jacksonville Symphony, "we also know that recovery is an important part of the restoration process. We are committed to serving this community. At this time, some need financial support while others need an opportunity to continue their normal lives. The Symphony can support each of these needs."

Saturday's opening program features John Adams' *The Chairman Dances*, Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto featuring guest violinist Charlie Siem and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's grand Fifth Symphony. While tickets ranged from \$70 to \$110, the Symphony has reduced all remaining tickets to just \$50. The Symphony has also designated 100 complimentary tickets to first responders and victims of Hurricane Irma. These tickets may be obtained by contacting the Ticket Office at 904.354.5547.

"The arts bring our communities together in both good times and bad," said Massey. "Music has always expressed that which cannot be said through words. For those that are able, Saturday's performance will be a time to come together as a community and show our perseverance and resilience."

A limited number of tickets remain and may be purchased at 904.354.5547 or by visiting jaxsymphony.org. First responders can call 904-354-5547 to reserve their tickets.

The Symphony's next performances featuring the Latin ensemble Mambo Kings will take place September 22 – 24.

This concert is presented by Haskell.

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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.