

Jacksonville Symphony Offers Family-Friendly Fun at Spring Concert

Jacksonville, FL (January 31, 2018) --- The Jacksonville Symphony performs its second family concert of the season, *Appalachian Spring*, on Sunday, February 11 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature The Florida Ballet and pre-concert activities starting at 2 p.m. for families and their young ones.

WHO: The Jacksonville Symphony, led by Assistant Conductor Deanna Tham, will lead the Symphony in its second family concert of the season. Back by popular demand, the Symphony welcomes **The Florida Ballet** to the stage to perform alongside the orchestra in Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*.

The mission of The Florida Ballet is to enrich and inspire the cultural landscape of our community through the education and art of classical ballet. Founded in 1978 by Laurie and Michael Byrd, The Florida Ballet has been enhancing the quality of life within the Jacksonville community since its inception. Now, 40 years later, the organization has flourished into a multi-faceted institution serving thousands within the community each year through dance education, performance, and community service.

WHAT: This fun-filled family concert will feature Beethoven's "**Pastoral**" **Symphony** and Copland's ***Appalachian Spring***. Beethoven's Sixth Symphony is a musical representation of the composer's admiration for nature. This light and airy Symphony will paint the picture of a stroll through the countryside. *Appalachian Spring* came about when Copland was commissioned to write a ballet that would have "an American theme." Including Copland's famous tune of "Simple Gifts," this work is sure to have recognizable themes throughout.

PRE-CONCERT ACTIVITY: The pre-concert activities, starting at 2 p.m., will feature the Instrument Zoo presented by the Jacksonville Symphony Guild, crafts that are tied to the theme of each concert and a variety of local organizations focused on educating Jacksonville's youth.

COFFEE CONCERT: This concert is also a part of the Raymond James Coffee Series. The coffee concert, on February 9, will feature portions of Beethoven's "Pastoral" as well as Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. Coffee concerts are abbreviated concerts and provide coffee and cookies before the concert in the lobby.

WHEN: The concert will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11 and the pre-concert activities will start at 2 p.m. The Coffee Concert will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 9.

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

TICKETS: For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Ticket Office at 904.354.5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org.

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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

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