

## JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY PERFORMS THE BROADWAY FAVORITES OF RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN

Jacksonville, FL (April 25, 2018) --- The Jacksonville Symphony will perform a concert of Broadway favorites written by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The songwriting team of Rodgers and Hammerstein has brought us timeless favorites such as *Carousel*, *The King and I*, *Oklahoma* and *The Sound of Music*. Join the Jacksonville Symphony, Pops conductor Steven Reineke and guest vocalists Ashley Brown and Ryan Silverman for a weekend of your Broadway favorites. The Symphony will also be joined onstage by the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus.

**WHO: Steven Reineke** has established himself as one of North America's leading conductors of popular music. He is the music director of the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, principal pops conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and principal pops conductor of the Houston and Toronto symphonies. He previously held the posts of principal pops conductor of the Long Beach and Modesto symphonies and associate conductor of the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

Reineke is a frequent guest conductor with the Philadelphia Orchestra and has been on the podium with the Boston Pops, the Cleveland Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Ravinia. His extensive North American conducting appearances include concerts in San Francisco, Kansas City, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Vancouver and Detroit.

On stage, Reineke has created programs and collaborated with a range of leading artists from the worlds of hip hop, Broadway, television and rock including Common, Kendrick Lamar and Ben Folds, among others. In 2017, National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" featured Reineke leading the National Symphony Orchestra performing live music excerpts between news segments — a first in the show's 45-year history.

**Ryan Silverman** has starred in *Side Show* on Broadway, for which he received a Drama Desk nomination for Best Actor. Other Broadway credits include star turns as Billy Flynn in *Chicago* and Raoul in *The Phantom of the Opera*. Silverman received Drama Desk and Drama League nominations for his performance as Giorgio in CSC's production of *Passion*. He has appeared at the Kennedy Center as Sir Lancelot alongside Brian Stokes Mitchell in *Camelot*, and as Terry Connor in *Side Show*. Internationally, Silverman has starred in the Théâtre du Châtelet's acclaimed production of *Passion*, opposite Natalie Dessay, and as Tony in the Olivier-nominated 2008 West End production of *West Side Story*. Silverman also recently starred in the concert version of *West Side Story* with the Philadelphia Orchestra and in *The Golden Apple* at New York's City Center "Encores!"

**Ashley Brown** originated the title role in *Mary Poppins* on Broadway for which she received Outer Critics, Drama League and Drama Desk nominations for Best Actress. Brown also starred as Mary Poppins in the national tour of *Mary Poppins* where she garnered a 2010 Garland award for "Best Performance in a Musical." Brown's other Broadway credits include Belle in *The Beauty and The Beast* as well as a starring role in the national tour of Disney's *On The Record*. Brown recently returned to the Lyric Opera of Chicago to star in the role of Laurey in *Oklahoma*. She previously played Magnolia opposite Nathan Gunn in Francesca Zambello's *Showboat* at the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Brown has performed with virtually all of the top orchestras in North America including the Boston Pops, the New York Philharmonic, The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra at Disney Hall, The Pittsburgh Symphony and the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall.

**WHAT:** TONYs, OSCARs, EMMYs, GRAMMYs and PULITZERs. Famed writing duo Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II have won them all for musicals we will never forget including *Carousel*, *The King and I*, *Oklahoma* and *The Sound of Music*. From “You’ll Never Walk Alone” to “Edelweiss,” Steven Reineke will lead the Jacksonville Symphony through some of your favorite, timeless Broadway hits.

**WHEN:** Concerts will be performed on Friday, May 4 at 11a.m. and 8p.m. as well as Saturday, May 5 at 8p.m.

**TICKETS:** For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call the Ticket Office at 904.354.5547 or visit [JaxSymphony.org](http://JaxSymphony.org). You can also visit the Ticket Office Monday-Friday 10a.m. to 4p.m.

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