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JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY SINGLE TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, AUGUST 13 WHERE WILL THE MUSIC TAKE YOU THIS SEASON?

Jacksonville, FL (August 8, 2018) --- Single tickets for the 2018-2019 Jacksonville Symphony season, go on sale Monday, August 13. Tickets can be purchased by visiting JaxSymphony.org, calling the Ticket Office at 904.354.5547 or visiting the Ticket Office in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts Monday through Friday, 10a.m. to 4p.m.

The Symphony season will kick off with the second annual, Haskell presented, *Fanfare! Opening Night* on Saturday, September 15. Music Director Courtney Lewis will be joined by GRAMMY-winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis. The evening will feature works by John Williams, Berlioz, Villa-Lobos and end with Tchaikovsky's powerful Fourth Symphony. It's an evening to dress to impress and enjoy a champagne toast that will kick off the 2018-2019 season.

"We have an exciting season planned that includes something for everyone," said Robert Massey, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Symphony. "We have an incredible selection of guest artists who will be joining our Florida Blue Masterworks performances and our Fidelity National Pops Series ranges from *The Music of John Williams* to *The Music of the Who*. Plus, season highlights including the return of opera with a symphonic-staged performance of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* and a new movie series with both *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *Star Wars: A New Hope*."

Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$79 for Masterworks and Pops concerts, \$35 for Symphony in 60 and from \$10 to \$26 for Family Concerts. Prices do not include the 15% single ticket purchase fee. Purchasers who make a \$75 donation to the Symphony or subscribe can eliminate the single ticket purchase fee and also receive \$5 off the price of their ticket. Groups of 10 or more will receive 20% off.

This year there will be 12 Florida Blue Masterworks performances, eight Fidelity National Financial Pops performances, two family concerts, three Regency Centers Symphony in 60 concerts, an added Symphonic Night at the Movies series with four productions, and an expanded holiday schedule featuring *Handel's Messiah*, *VyStar's First Coast Nutcracker* and the traditional performance of the Symphony's annual *Holiday Pops*.

The 2019 Symphony Gala, presented by Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, will be March 2 with international superstar cellist Alisa Weilerstein. She will bring a combination of poetry and sheer virtuosity to one of the most famous cello concerti of all time, Dvořák's Cello Concerto. Season ticket subscribers have first opportunity to purchase tickets to this special evening.

Other special ticket offers include plans that allow children and young adults increased access to the Symphony. With Under 18 Free children ages 7 to 17 can attend any Masterworks or Pops series concert when an adult purchases a ticket. The Sound Check Card, for students 25 years or younger, can access Masterworks and Coffee performances during the entire season for a one-time price of \$25. In addition, card holders may bring one adult or friend who can purchase a \$15 ticket the night of the performance. Student rush tickets for \$15 to Masterworks, Pops, Coffee and Matinee performances are available through the Ticket Office 90 minutes prior to the concert.

"Our ticket prices and special offers make it easy to enjoy live symphonic music," said Peter Gladstone, Vice President of Marketing for the Jacksonville Symphony. "And it's not too late to purchase season tickets. With our Create Your Own series, patrons can select the concerts they want from virtually everything we offer."

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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 Orchestras. 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.

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