

## JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL *MIDWINTER MOZART FESTIVAL*

Jacksonville, FL (December 18, 2018) --- For the first time, the Jacksonville Symphony will host a three weekend festival celebrating one of the most prolific classical composers of all time: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Beginning in January 2019, the Festival includes dynamic scenes from *The Magic Flute* and *The Marriage of Figaro*, a performance of the movie *Amadeus* live with orchestra, a more intimate performance of chamber music and a grand finale with *Don Giovanni*. There is something for every patron in the *Midwinter Mozart Festival*.

Throughout the Festival, the Symphony will be partnering with both the University of North Florida (UNF) and media partner, WJCT. UNF students will take the stage for *Mozart Opera Scenes* at Lazzara Performance Hall.

**Festival Finale, Don Giovanni:** Considered by some to be the greatest opera ever written, the Symphony will bring a fully-staged version of Mozart's dark tale to the concert hall. A world-class cast, including singers directly from the Metropolitan Opera stage, custom projection art and a contemporary take on costumes will bring this timeless tale to life for Jacksonville. For the first time ever, the full length opera will be fully-staged in Jacoby Symphony Hall. The orchestra will be surrounded by custom platforms and three 30-foot projection screens, providing 2,700 square feet of space for high definition graphics, making this performance visually and audibly stunning.

### Schedule of Events:

- **Coffee with Wolfy**
  - January 11 at 11 a.m.
  - Raymond James Coffee Concert
  - The Symphony's Midwinter Mozart Festival opens with a mix of the master's most beloved works. Associate Conductor Nathan Aspinall leads a program featuring Mozart's First Symphony – composed when he was only six years old – his Third Violin Concerto and his "Prague" Symphony.
  
- **Mozart Opera Scenes**
  - January 12 at 8 p.m.
  - Lazzara Performance Hall – University of North Florida
  - The cunning Letter Duet, the bumbling Papageno, the vengeful Queen of the Night and the jealous Figaro – these are just a few of the jewels Mozart wove in his masterful operas. University of North Florida students, alumni and faculty team with the Symphony to create an unforgettable night of Mozart's greatest opera hits including *The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Magic Flute* and *Così fan tutte*.
  
- **Amadeus Live**
  - January 18 at 7 p.m.
  - Symphonic Night at the Movies Series
  - Winner of 8 Academy Awards® in 1984, including Best Picture, Actor, Director and Adapted Screenplay, *Amadeus* tells the story of Vienna court composer Antonio Salieri and the envy that consumes him upon discovering that the divine musical gifts he has so longed for all his life have been bestowed on a bawdy, vulgar and impish young

composer, Mozart. Salieri's envy fuels his plot to destroy the man, yet is all the while unable to tear himself away from the genius of his music.

- **Mozart Chamber Music**

- January 20 at 3 p.m.
- WJCT Studios
- The midpoint of the Festival explores the more intimate side of the master's extraordinary catalog. Fewer in forces than the full symphonic works, but just as miraculous in their beauty and elegance, these chamber works are the perfect intermezzo. String quartets, wind ensembles and the universally beloved *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* bring both grace and energy to this concert held at WJCT Studios.

- **Don Giovanni**

- January 25 at 8 p.m. and January 27 at 3 p.m.
- Florida Blue Masterworks Series

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The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida's leading music nonprofit offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony 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](http://JaxSymphony.org), like them at [facebook.com/JaxSymphony](https://facebook.com/JaxSymphony); follow them on @jaxsymphony, on Instagram at JaxSymphony and on YouTube at JacksonvilleSymphony.