

JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY PARTNERS WITH MOCA AND THE CUMMER FOR UPCOMING *PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION*

Jacksonville, FL (October 31, 2018) --- The Jacksonville Symphony has partnered with both the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville (MOCA) and the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens to add depth to their upcoming program *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

The title of the production takes its lead from the featured piece of classical music being performed, Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Although originally written for piano, it was later orchestrated by Maurice Ravel, arguably the most talented orchestrator to this day.

Mussorgsky wrote *Pictures* after his dear friend, Russian artist Victor Hartmann died in 1873. Mussorgsky was devastated by his friend's death which eventually led to the incredible creation of *Pictures at an Exhibition*. The composer casts himself in the principal role of a visitor wandering through an exhibition of Hartmann's art. Mussorgsky's goal was to illustrate his dear friend's art through music.

Although experts in music, the Symphony turned to the expertise of local art institutions, MOCA and the Cummer, to talk about the art work. Images of the art that still exists (some pieces were lost) will be placed in the lobby of the Times-Union Center and on the Jacoby Symphony Hall stage for *Insight*, the Symphony's pre-concert talk. Symphony Associate Conductor Nathan Aspinall and GRAMMY-nominated organist Cameron Carpenter will be joined by **Lindsay Bowyer** from **MOCA** and **Holly Keris** from the **Cummer Museum** for *Insight*. Lindsay and Holly will discuss the connection between the music and the artwork it interprets on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

WHEN: The performances will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 9 & 10, both at 8 p.m. *Insight* will be held at 7 p.m. on both nights.

WHERE: The concert will be held in Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

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

SPONSORS: *Pictures at an Exhibition* is a part of the *Florida Blue Masterworks Series* and is presented by BRASS, Beaches Residents Actively Supporting the Symphony.

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