

JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY SINGLE TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, AUGUST 12

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Jacksonville, FL (August 5, 2019) --- Single tickets for the 2019-2020 Jacksonville Symphony season go on sale Monday, August 12. Tickets can be purchased by visiting JaxSymphony.org, calling the Box Office at 904.354.5547 or visiting the Box Office in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Although the 2019-2020 season is all about Beethoven, the Symphony will start on a little bit of a different note. The season will kick off with the third annual, Haskell presented, *Fanfare! Opening Night* on Saturday, September 28. Music Director Courtney Lewis will be joined by Jacksonville's own Marcus Roberts and his Trio. The evening is centered on the Trio's performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and will conclude with Dvořák's Eighth Symphony. It's an evening to dress to impress and enjoy a champagne toast that will kick off the 2019-2020 season.

The Symphony's 2019-2020 season is centered around celebrating the 250th birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven, one of the most renowned composers of all time. Throughout the 2019-2020 season, the Symphony will explore Beethoven's legacy in all its forms, from the unknown to pieces we know by heart, from the symphonies and concertos, to his groundbreaking chamber music and choral works. With two piano concertos, a mass and a ballet, Jacksonville will have almost 20 opportunities to hear Beethoven's music, including the season finale of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

The 2020 Symphony Gala, presented by Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, will be March 7 with GRAMMY-winning mezzo-soprano Susan Graham. Graham will perform music by Gershwin, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Ravel and more.

The season is broken down into 12 Florida Blue Masterworks performances, eight Fidelity National Financial Pops performances, three family concerts, six Regency Centers Symphony in 60 concerts, four Symphonic Night at the Movies productions, a wide variety of off-series performances, and the Symphony's beloved holiday schedule featuring Handel's Messiah, VyStar's First Coast Nutcracker and the traditional performance of the Symphony's annual Holiday Pops.

Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$81 for Masterworks and Pops concerts, \$25 for Symphony in 60 and from \$10 to \$15 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.

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 and Coffee performances are available at the Box Office 90 minutes prior to the concert.

New to the 2019-2020 season:

- The Symphony is excited to welcome Gonzalo Farias as our new associate conductor. Farias will be responsible for conducting the Jacksonville Symphony concerts in a variety of settings and series including community concerts, educational programs for kids, Symphonic Night at the Movies Series and Fidelity National Financial Pops concerts. He will bring a new voice to

Jacksonville Symphony artistic planning, particularly around education and community programs.

- The Jacksonville Symphony is expanding its Happy Hour Symphony in 60 Series to six concerts! This abbreviated concert experience is the perfect way to avoid traffic and enjoy a casual night at the Symphony. Taking place on Thursday evenings, the night will begin with a Happy Hour before a 60-minute performance by the orchestra. Subscriptions are available for all six concerts for \$99 and include two drink tickets for each performance
- The Jacksonville Symphony is proud to be able to offer free admission to Title 1 schools to our Preludes and Young People's Concerts. These concerts are designed to engage younger audiences and introduce Jacksonville students to the Symphony.
- The Symphony has expanded its Family Concert Series from two to three performances! Spooktacular will return to kick off the Family Series in October for an experience full of family fun costumes and great music!

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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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