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Conrad Tao joins the Jacksonville Symphony as Artist-in-Residence for their 75th Season

Jacksonville, Fla. (October 17, 2024) – Acclaimed pianist and composer Conrad Tao will join the Jacksonville Symphony’s 75th Anniversary Season as their Artist-in-Residence. Hailed by *New York Magazine* as “the kind of musician who is shaping the future of classical music” and praised by *The New York Times* for his “probing intellect and open-hearted vision,” Tao’s residency marks a thrilling addition to the Symphony’s milestone season.

Following three consecutive seasons of remarkable performances in Jacoby Symphony Hall, including the electrifying renditions of George Gershwin’s *Rhapsody in Blue* and Sergei Rachmaninoff’s *Fourth Concerto* in January 2024, Tao brings both extraordinary artistry and innovation to the city of Jacksonville.

“I’m very happy to be returning to the Jacksonville Symphony as an Artist-in-Residence this season. Between community events, performances, and, of course, a brand new piano concerto to be premiered in the spring, this residency is a gratifying way to continue my years-long relationship with this wonderful orchestra,” said Tao.

As Artist-in-Residence, Tao will deliver several highly anticipated performances, including his debut in the Symphony in 60 Series on October 24 and 25, and the world premiere of his latest Piano Concerto on April 4 and 5. This piano concerto has been specially commissioned by the Jacksonville Symphony and will showcase Tao’s versatility and passion for pushing boundaries. Tao will also provide enriching educational opportunities for local students including a masterclass and outreach efforts for Duval County schools.

During the 2024/25 Season, Tao has several other prestigious engagements with the world’s leading orchestras and venues, including a recital at Carnegie Hall and performances with the San Francisco Symphony, Dallas Symphony and St. Louis Symphony. Recent works such as *Flung Out* proves Tao’s bold compositional voice is deeply expressive and offers a fresh perspective that resonates with today’s modern audiences.

Learn more about Tao and his upcoming performances in Jacksonville at [JaxSymphony.org](https://jaxsymphony.org).

About the Jacksonville Symphony

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida’s leading nonprofit performing arts organization offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. Led by President and CEO Steven Libman and Music Director Courtney Lewis, the Jacksonville Symphony reaches over 165,600 individuals through over 95 performances each season. 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.

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