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## Principal Conductor of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra Thomas Wilkins joins the Jacksonville Symphony

**Jacksonville, Fla. (January 17, 2025)** — The Jacksonville Symphony presents “A Journey Through Symphonic Americana” on February 6 and 7, led by the esteemed Thomas Wilkins. As part of the Symphony in 60 and Coffee Series, there will be a one-hour concert Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Jacoby Symphony Hall.

Wilkins is Principal Conductor of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra; the Boston Symphony’s artistic partner for education and community engagement; Principal Guest Conductor of the Virginia Symphony and holds Indiana University’s “Henry A. Upper Chair of Orchestral Conducting” established by the late Barbara and David Jacobs as a part of that University’s “Matching the Promise Campaign.” Wilkins is decorated with many awards and has led orchestras throughout the United States, including the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and many others.

“It’s always a tremendous pleasure to work with the Jacksonville Symphony. During my first visit a few seasons ago, I fell in love with them as artists and people, almost immediately,” said Wilkins. “Now to return to this glorious concert hall, with this rich kaleidoscope of American music will be yet another delicious treat.”

The American pieces featured in this program include George Whitefield Chadwick’s Finale from Symphony No. 3, Morton Gould’s “American Symphonette No. 2,” Aaron Copland’s “Appalachian Spring Suite” and Leonard Bernstein’s Overture from “West Side Story.”

On Thursday, part of the Symphony in 60 Series, sponsored by PNC, the musicians and conductor will be cast onto the big screen adding an engaging digital aspect to the performance. These Thursday evening concerts also have a signature cocktail, “The French Horn 75” and a designated hour to network in the Ubile before the concert.

The Coffee Series is a matinee series which provides coffee, tea and cookies an hour before. The programming ranges from classical to pops and is very popular as an added time slot for guests.

Tickets are available at [JaxSymphony.org](http://JaxSymphony.org) or by calling the Box Office at 904.354.5547.

### **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 165,500 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](http://JaxSymphony.org).

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