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**The SYMPHONIA | BOCA RATON
February, March and April Concerts and Paris Impressions Fundraiser Planned**

Boca Raton, FL, (January 16, 2017)--The SYMPHONIA | BOCA RATON (thesymphonia.org), South Florida's world-class chamber orchestra, has an exciting spring in the works:

- The Connoisseur Concert Series 2017 continues at the Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road in Boca Raton, with concerts in February, March and April.
- The Symphonia will present 'Paris Impressions,' a luncheon fundraiser offering an exclusive opportunity to learn about the inner workings of an orchestra.
- Connoisseur Concert Weekends include Meet The Orchestra for children, Box Lunch It and Pre-Concert Conversations with the conductor.

'Paris Impressions' will be held at Via Mizner Country Club, 6200 Boca Del Mar Drive, Boca Raton on February 17, with the silent auction starting at 10:30 am, and the program and lunch beginning at 11:45 am. Guests will experience a private rehearsal and have lunch with orchestra members. VIP tickets are \$90 per person and include premiere seating. General luncheon tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, visit thesymphonia.org or call 561-376-3848.

2017 February, March and April Connoisseur Concerts:

Connoisseur Concert 3, February 19, 2017 at 3 p.m.

Alastair Willis, Guest Conductor

Lindsay Garritson - Piano Soloist

Program –“ Paris Impressions”

IBERT Divertissement

RAVEL Piano Concerto in G

Selections from great French composers DUBUSSY, BIZET, HONEGGER and FAURÉ

Connoisseur Concert 4, March 26, 2017 at 3 p.m.

Gerard Schwarz, Guest Conductor

Gregory Miller, French Horn Soloist

Program – “Vienna to Appalachia”

MOZART Symphony No. 39
MOZART Horn Concerto No. 3
DIAMOND Concerto for Small Orchestra
COPLAND Appalachian Spring

Connoisseur Concert 5, April 23, 2017 at 3 p.m. (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Michael Stern, Guest Conductor

Sharon Roffman, Violin Soloist

Program – “Heroism and Hope”

MAHLER Symphony No. 5

ADOLPHE Violin Concerto “I Will Not Remain Silent”

(This is the Florida premiere of *I Will Not Remain Silent*, a violin concerto composed in tribute to Joachim Prinz, a courageous supporter of human rights.)

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 3, “Eroica”

Events Surrounding the Concerts

For Children: Meet the Orchestra

Saturdays: February 18, March 26, Saturday, April 22

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The day before each Connoisseur Concert, families will be given the opportunity to interact with The Symphonia’s conductor and musicians and attend a live dress rehearsal at the Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew’s School, 3900 Jog Road in Boca Raton, Fla. Children can learn about and hold instruments.

Adults are \$5 and children/non-profits are free. Reservations are required.

For Adults:

Box Lunch It with THE SYMPHONIA

Friday March 24, 11:30 a.m. 2016

Get an “up close and personal” look behind the scenes. Sit in on part of a rehearsal and enjoy a box lunch while listening to the conductor, soloist and musician’s perspective on the upcoming concert.

Tickets are \$35 and reservations are required

Unitarian Church, 2601 St. Andrews Boulevard, Boca Raton

Pre Concert Conversations:

A Pre-Concert Conversation will take place on the day of each Connoisseur Concert, from 2-2:30 p.m., with the conductor or guest speaker. This provides an opportunity to learn more about the pieces that are to be performed that afternoon. There is no charge for concert ticket holders to attend.

Tickets are available at thesymphonia.org or by calling 1-866-687-1201 or emailing tickets@thesymphonia.org. Single tickets range between \$50 and \$84.

About The SYMPHONIA | Boca Raton

The SYMPHONIA, considered to be one of the region's world-class orchestras, strives to provide quality classical music for the enjoyment and benefit of the South Florida community. The SYMPHONIA'S performances and educational outreach programs feature nationally and internationally acclaimed conductors and soloists, enhancing the cultural lives of area residents, with special emphasis on its younger citizens.

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