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### **The SYMPHONIA | BOCA RATON ANNOUNCES 2017-2018 CONCERT SEASON**

Boca Raton, FL (August 2017)--The SYMPHONIA | Boca Raton ([thesymphonia.org](http://thesymphonia.org)), South Florida's world class chamber orchestra, has just announced its Connoisseur Concert Series for 2017-2018. The series will once again be held at Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road in Boca Raton. All performances will include Pre-Concert Conversations with the conductor.

#### **2017-2018 Connoisseur Concerts include:**

##### **Connoisseur Concert 1, December 10, 2017 at 3 p.m.**

**Gerard Schwarz, Guest Conductor**

**Julian Schwarz, Cello Soloist**

**Jeffrey Kaye, Trumpet Soloist**

**Program – "Honoring Gerard Schwarz"**

TORELLI Sonata for Trumpet in D

TCHAIKOVSKY Variations on a Rococo Theme

G. SCHWARZ World Premiere for Cello and Orchestra

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 2 in D Major

##### **Connoisseur Concert 2, January 7, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

**David Kim, Guest Conductor and Violin Soloist**

**Program – "Symphonia Serenades"**

GRIEG Holberg Suite

MENDELSSOHN Violin Concerto in E Minor

BARBER Adagio for Strings

PIAZZOLLA Oblivion for Violin and String Orchestra

DVOŘÁK Serenade for Strings

##### **Connoisseur Concert 3, February 18, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

**James Judd, Guest Conductor**

**Roman Rabinovich, Piano Soloist**

**Program – "The Emperor"**

J. STRAUSS Emperor Waltz

HAYDN Symphony No. 103, "Drum Roll"

BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor"

**Connoisseur Concert 4, March 25, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

**Alastair Willis, Guest Conductor**

**Richard Hancock, Clarinet Soloist**

**Gabriel Beavers, Bassoon Soloist**

**Program – “Vienna’s Riches”**

GLUCK Dance of the Blessed Spirits from Orfeo ed Euridice

BEETHOVEN The Creatures of Prometheus Overture

BRAHMS Chorale-Prelude, Op. 122, No. 8

J. STRAUSS Blue Danube Waltz

R. STRAUSS Duett-Concertino

MOZART Symphony No. 35, “Haffner”

**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.

**Meet the Orchestra**

A program for children and their parents that introduces children to classical music through interaction with musicians at live dress rehearsals and an “instrument petting zoo.” The program takes place on the morning before Connoisseur Concerts from 10:30am-12 noon on January 6, 2018; February 17, 2018; and March 24, 2018

Season tickets + information on programs are available at [thesymphonia.org](http://thesymphonia.org) or by calling 1-866-687-4201 or emailing [tickets@thesymphonia.org](mailto:tickets@thesymphonia.org).

**About The SYMPHONIA | Boca Raton**

The SYMPHONIA, considered to be one of the region’s world-class orchestras, provides high 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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