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**Gala Concert Weekend Planned
For The SYMPHONIA | BOCA RATON's First Concert of Season**

Boca Raton, FL (October 11, 2016)--The SYMPHONIA | BOCA RATON (thesymphonia.org), South Florida's world class chamber orchestra, has announced the first concert of the 2016-17 season. The first of five stellar Connoisseur Concert Series performances will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 3 p.m. at the Roberts Theater at Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road in Boca Raton. Other programs surrounding the Connoisseur Concerts include Meet The Orchestra for children, Box Lunch It and a Pre-Concert Conversation with the conductor.

The Guest Conductor for the first Connoisseur Concert will be James Judd with Jan Mracek as Violin Soloist. The program is entitled "Drama & Virtuosity" and will include:

BEETHOVEN Overture to Egmont
SCHUBERT Symphony No. 4, "Tragic"
BRAHMS Violin Concerto in D major
DVORAK Mazurek

As part of the gala concert weekend, three additional events will be held:

For Children: Meet the Orchestra

Saturday, December 3rd, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Fridays, December 2nd, 11:30 a.m.

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. The Box Lunch It will be held at the Unitarian Church, 2601 St. Andrews Boulevard, Boca Raton.

Pre Concert Conversation:

A Pre-Concert Conversation will take place on the day of the Connoisseur Concert, Sunday, December 5th, 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.

Season subscription tickets range between \$175 and \$350, depending on seat selection. Series and individual tickets are available now at thesymphonia.org or by calling 1-866-687-1201 or emailing tickets@thesymphonia.org. Single tickets range between \$50 and \$84, depending on seat selection.

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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