

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*State Theatre New Jersey presents the U.S. Tour Debut of*

## **National Symphony Orchestra of Romania**

**With Conductor Cristian Măcelaru and Cello Soloist Andrei Ioniță**

Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 8pm / \$17.50-\$70

**New Brunswick, NJ** (January 4, 2019)—State Theatre New Jersey presents the **National Symphony Orchestra of Romania** with cello soloist **Andrei Ioniță** on **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 8pm**. Conductor **Cristian Măcelaru** leads the orchestra in their U.S. Tour debut. *Tickets range from \$17.50-\$70.*

Program includes Enescu's Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 in A Major, Op. 11; Dvořák's Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104, B. 191 with cello soloist **Andrei Ioniță**; Strauss's Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*, Op. 59; and RAVEL's *Boléro*.

Acclaimed as one of the world's top youth ensembles, the National Symphony Orchestra of Romania has made a name for itself as Romania's best and brightest orchestra. Touring regularly at leading venues throughout Europe, it has earned a reputation for delivering performances at the highest level characterized by virtuosity, abandon, joy, and drama. Now led by renowned conductor **Cristian Măcelaru**, the orchestra will lead its first-ever tour in the United States.

The mission of the National Symphony Orchestra of Romania is to attract the brightest Romanian musicians between the ages of 18-35 to create a unique creative experience in the common pursuit of musical excellence. The orchestra's roots lay in a unique artistic and educational program, which was founded in 2008 following an initiative by cellist Marin Cazacu with the support of the Friends of Music from the Serafim Antropov Foundation. The orchestra's academic program strives to offer young musicians the opportunity to explore demanding repertoire through master classes and concerts, and more importantly, to participate in the joy of music-making under esteemed conductors such as Lawrence Foster, Kristjan Järvi, and Cristian Măcelaru, and with leading soloists including Pinchas Zukerman, Sarah Chang, David Garrett, Elizabeth Leonskaja, and Andrei Ioniță.

The orchestra's concerts at the Romanian Athenaeum and the George Enescu International Festival are regularly sold out and international tours have brought them to the Gustav Mahler

International Festival, Ravello International Festival, Vienna Konzerthaus, Berlin Konzerthaus, and Grande Theatre de Provence in Aix-en-Provence. Forthcoming tours will see them perform in France including for their debut at the Philharmonie de Paris and in Germany, Spain, Brussels, and Austria.

**For tickets, more information, or group discounts, call State Theatre Guest Services at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at STNJ.org.** State Theatre Guest Services, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm; Saturday from 1pm to 5pm; and at least three hours prior to curtain on performance dates unless otherwise specified. *Additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.*

***About State Theatre New Jersey***

*The theater exists to enrich people's lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through arts education. State Theatre New Jersey's programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. United is the official airline of the State Theatre.*

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