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State Theatre New Jersey and AEG Present

The Piano Guys

With Special Guest the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 8pm / \$49-\$199

New Brunswick, NJ (August 9, 2019)—State Theatre New Jersey and AEG present **The Piano Guys with special guest the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 8pm**. The Piano Guys became a sensation after releasing a series of original music, mixing classical music with pop. Now, the group is delighting live audiences with their blend of classical and pop music as they embark on a 2019 fall tour. *Tickets range from \$49-\$199. The \$199 Premium Ticket includes a meet and greet with The Piano Guys.*

Joining The Piano Guys on stage for a section of the performance will be eight violinists from The Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey (YOCJ). The YOCJ features 17-year old **Annabel Guo** and 15-year-old **Sonya Jin**, from Plainsboro; 17-year-old **Lakshay Patel**, 16-year-old **Anika Kapoor**, 15-year-old **Vivian Chen**, and 14-year-old **Ireanne Cao** from West Windsor; **Luna Lee**, 17, from Robbinsville; and **Laura Liao**, 16, from Princeton.

“YOCJ is so thrilled that The Piano Guys are providing a unique opportunity for eight of our violinists! I really admire how The Piano Guys cleverly combine well-known classical themes with familiar melodies from movie scores and pop music,” says YOCJ **Executive Director Larisa Epps**.

About The Piano Guys

The Piano Guys were officially formed in 2011 and are based in Southern Utah. The fathers who make up The Piano Guys are **Jon Schmidt** (pianist, songwriter), **Steven Sharp Nelson** (cellist, songwriter), **Paul Anderson** (producer, videographer), and **Al van der Beek** (music producer, songwriter). Since their formation, they have delivered bold compositions that transcend boundaries of style and genre.

In the past eight years, The Piano Guys have released five studio albums, two Christmas releases, and a live album. They have earned six number one debuts on *Billboard's* Top Classical Albums chart, over two billion global streams, over 1.6 billion YouTube views, and nearly two million monthly listeners on Spotify alone. They have had sold out concerts all over the world and they have attracted an international audience. The Piano Guys have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Fast Company*, *BuzzFeed*, *Mashable*, and *People*. Some of

the significant programs The Piano Guys have been featured on are *The TODAY Show*, *Good Morning America*, and *The Tonight Show*.

In late 2017, they hunkered down at their own TPG Studios in Utah and commenced work on what would become their 2018 album, *Limitless*. A sublime, soaring, and sweeping cover of Ed Sheeran's "Perfect" teased out the forthcoming project, generating over eight million Spotify streams, and nearly 20 million YouTube views. Moreover, the crossover of The Chainsmokers' "Something Just Like This" (feat. Coldplay) and Franz Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2" further illustrated their skill for masterful mash-ups.

Limitless shares an important message. The Piano Guys hope to transfer the feeling of being limitless to its listeners with this album. As a mission of The Piano Guys, they hope to be spokesmen of hope and faith. They want their listeners to feel like they can get up and conquer the world. They hope to get people excited about their own capabilities.

About the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey

Since 1978, the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey brings together some of the finest young musicians in our region to participate and excel in a nurturing and challenging musical environment. Over 200 elementary through high school students, all of whom take private lessons and participate in their schools' music programs, make up its 14 performance groups. YOCJ.org

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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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