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STATE THEATRE NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 CLASSICAL SERIES

Featuring Itzhak Perlman, Renée Fleming, Boston Pops on Tour, and more!

New Brunswick, NJ (August 3, 2018)—State Theatre New Jersey unveiled its **2018-2019 Classical Series**, featuring five fantastic world-renowned performers.

State Theatre New Jersey's Classical Series kicks off on **September 16** with acclaimed violinist, **Itzhak Perlman**, who has been honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award® for his excellence in recording arts. The series also includes **Boston Pops on Tour** with the incomparable conductor **Keith Lockhart** on **December 2**. Next, one of the world's top youth ensembles, the **National Symphony Orchestra of Romania** will perform on **January 16**. The **Czech National Symphony Orchestra** will then star conductor **John Mauceri** and Grammy-Award® winning soloist **Isabel Leonard** performing "100 Years of Leonard Bernstein" on **February 24**. Multi-Award winning **Renée Fleming**, one of the most acclaimed singers of our time, performs on February 27. The Classical Series will conclude with a Saint Patrick's Day performance from world-renowned Irish flute player **Sir James Galway**, playing alongside his wife, **Lady Jeanne Galway** on **March 17**.

Itzhak Perlman

Rohan De Silva, *piano*

LECLAIR Sonata for Violin and Piano in D Major, Op. 9, No. 3

FRANCK Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major

STRAVINSKY/Dushkin arr. Suite Italienne for Violin and Piano

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 3pm

Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Itzhak Perlman enjoys superstar status rarely afforded a classical musician. Beloved for his charm and humanity as well as his talent, he is treasured by audiences throughout the world who respond not only to his remarkable artistry, but also to the irrepressible joy of making music, which he communicates. This performance is the highlight of **State Theatre's Classical Season Celebration**, the kick-off to the 2018-2019 Classical Series. For more information on the Classical Season Celebration visit STNJ.org/ClassicalSeason.

Boston Pops on Tour
2018 Holiday Pops Tour

Keith Lockhart, *conductor*

Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2pm

Affectionately known as “America’s Orchestra,” the Boston Pops has a long history beginning with the establishment of the modern-era Pops by Arthur Fiedler and continuing through the innovations introduced by John Williams and the new-millennium Pops spearheaded by Keith Lockhart. In 2010, the Pops celebrated its 125th anniversary season. Having recently celebrated his 22nd anniversary as Boston Pops Conductor in 2017, Keith Lockhart is the second longest-tenured conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra since its founding in 1885.

National Symphony Orchestra of Romania

Cristian Macelaru, *conductor*

Andrei Ionita, *soloist*

ENESCU Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 in A Major, Op.11

DVORAK Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104, B. 191, Andrei Ioniță, soloist

STRAUSS Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*, Op. 59

RAVEL *Boléro*

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 8pm

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.

Czech National Symphony Orchestra

John Mauceri, *conductor*

Isabel Leonard, *Mezzo-Soprano*

Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3pm

The Czech National Symphony Orchestra (CNSO) with Grammy Award®-winning Mezzo-Soprano Isabel Leonard, led by Conductor John Mauceri, will celebrate the legacy of Leonard Bernstein with a program of “100 Years of Leonard Bernstein.” Mauceri, mentee and conducting fellow with Leonard Bernstein himself, who conducted the world premiere of Bernstein’s “A Quiet Place,” and Isabel Leonard, critically acclaimed for her performances of Bernstein repertoire, join CNSO in a glorious marking of the world renowned American composer, conductor, and pianist’s 100th birthday celebration.

Renée Fleming

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 8pm

Renée Fleming is one of the most acclaimed singers of our time and has captivated audiences with her sumptuous voice, unsurpassed artistry, and compelling stage presence. Known for bringing new audiences to classical music and opera, Renée has sung not only with Luciano Pavarotti, Plácido Domingo, and Andrea Bocelli, but also with Elton John, Paul Simon, Sting, Josh Groban, and Joan Baez. She has hosted a wide variety of television and radio broadcasts,

including the Metropolitan Opera's *Live in HD* series and *Live from Lincoln Center*. Winner of four Grammy® Awards, Renée has sung for momentous occasions from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to the Diamond Jubilee Concert for Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace. In 2013, President Obama awarded her America's highest honor for an artist, the National Medal of Arts. In 2014, she became the first classical artist ever to sing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl.

Sir James Galway

Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 3pm

Joining Galway in recital is renowned flutist, Lady Jeanne Galway and pianist, Phillip Moll. From his working-class Belfast roots to gracing the world stage, Galway's illustrious career boasts over 30 million album sales worldwide, extensive touring, frequent television appearances, and passionate work in music education.

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 Thursday from 10am to 6pm; Friday from 10am to 5pm; 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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