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State Theatre New Jersey presents

National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

Theodore Kuchar, *conductor* / Alexei Grynyuk, *piano soloist*
PROGRAM: DVOŘÁK *Carnival* Overture, Op. 92, PROKOFIEV Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26, and SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47
Sunday, February 19, 2017, 3pm / $35-$70
Ticket Office: 732-246-SHOW (7469)

New Brunswick, NJ (February 7, 2017)—State Theatre New Jersey presents the **National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine** on **Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 3pm**. Led by **Theodore Kuchar**, the program will include Dvořák's *Carnival* Overture, Op. 92; Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26; and Shostakovich Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47. *Tickets range from $35-$70.*

Founded in 1918, the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine is one of Eastern Europe's most esteemed orchestras, earning international acclaim for its virtuosity and precision. This program showcases those qualities with some of the most demanding music written by three Russian masters: Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, and Stravinsky. Throughout its history, the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine has premiered the works of many classical giants including Prokofiev and Shostakovich, and has produced over 100 acclaimed recordings, garnering several Grammy® nominations.

The NSOU has performed in successful concert tours throughout Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Belarus, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, England, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Arab Emirates.

THEODORE KUCHAR, *conductor*
The multi award-winning conductor Theodore Kuchar is the most recorded conductor of his generation. For the past 20 years, he has served as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of two of Europe's leading orchestras, the Janacek Philharmonic Orchestra (formerly the Czech Radio Orchestra) and the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine. In the 2011-12 season he commenced his tenure as the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Orquesta Sinfonica de Venezuela. An avid chamber musician, he served as the Artistic Director of The Australian Festival of Chamber Music (1990-2006), and as the Artistic Director of the Nevada Chamber Music Festival since 2005.

During his tenure with the National Symphony Orchestra of the Ukraine, Kuchar conducted cycles of the complete symphony by Beethoven, Bruckner, Mahler, Prokofiev, Schubert, and Shostakovich, and led 11 international tours to Asia, Australia, Central Europe, and the United Kingdom. Under Kuchar's direction, the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine became the most frequently recorded orchestra of the former Soviet Union. Between 1994 and 2004 the orchestra recorded over 80 compact discs.

Kuchar graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Music in 1982, as a student of Robert Vernon, Principal Violist of The Cleveland Orchestra.

ALEXEI GRYNYUK, *piano soloist*
Kiev-born pianist Alexei Grynyuk displayed tremendous interest in music from his early childhood and at just six years old started giving his first concerts. He attracted wide attention at the age of 13 when he won the first prize at the Sergei Diaghilev All-Soviet-Union piano competition in Moscow. By then he had already been touring Eastern Europe as a soloist as well as performing Mozart and Chopin piano concertos with Ukrainian orchestras. Later he went on to achieve numerous awards at international piano competitions including first prizes at the Vladimir Horowitz International Piano Competition in Kiev and the Shanghai International Piano Competition in China. Equally at home in classical, romantic and 20th-century repertoire Grynyuk has been invited to give solo recitals at many prestigious venues and festivals around the world.

The State Theatre New Jersey Orchestra Series is sponsored by The Blanche & Irving Laurie Foundation.

For tickets or more information, call the State Theatre New Jersey Ticket Office at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at StateTheatreNJ.org. The State Theatre New Jersey Ticket Office, 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. For information on group outings and discounts, call 732-247-7200, ext. 536. *Some additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.*

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