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2015-16 BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SEASON, OCTOBER 1-APRIL 23, FEATURES NEW AFFORDABLE TICKET OPTIONS FOR PATRONS AND A NEW BSO APP TO ENHANCE THE CONCERT-GOING EXPERIENCE

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LAUNCHES NEW APP: PATRONS WITH MOBILE PHONES AND DEVICES CAN VIEW OR LISTEN TO PROGRAM NOTES, BUY TICKETS, AND EASILY ENGAGE IN SOCIAL MEDIA AROUND THE BSO’S MANY ACTIVITIES

THREE BSO CASUAL FRIDAY CONCERTS OFFER PATRONS SPECIALLY PRICED TICKETS, EXCLUSIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES DIGITAL MEDIA CONTENT AVAILABLE THROUGH SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS, A CHANCE TO HEAR THE CONDUCTOR AND SOLOISTS SPEAK FROM THE STAGE; AND A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WHERE CASUAL ATTIRE AND MINGLING WITH FELLOW-CONCERT GOERS AT PRE- AND POST-CONCERT GATHERINGS IS ENCOURAGED

BSO’S YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP (YOPRO) FEATURES A DISCOUNTED TICKET PACKAGE WITH PRE- AND POST-CONCERT RECEPTIONS OFFERING A CHANCE TO MEET WITH OTHER YOUNG BOSTONIANS

DISCOUNTED TICKET PROGRAMS INCLUDE $20 TICKETS FOR PATRONS UNDER 40, AS WELL AS THE COLLEGE CARD ($25) AND HIGH SCHOOL CARD ($10), OFFERING STUDENTS ACCESS TO AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF CONCERTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON
FOUR THURSDAY-MORNING OPEN REHEARSALS INCLUDE ANDRIS NELSONS-LED PERFORMANCE FEATURING PIANIST LARS VOGT (OCTOBER 8); JIŘÍ BĚLOHLÁVEK WITH CELLIST JOHANNES MOSER (JANUARY 21); STÉPHANE DENÈVE WITH VIOLINIST GIL SHAHAM (MARCH 17); AND BERNARD HAITINK WITH PIANIST MURRAY PERAHIA (MARCH 31)

PATRONS OF ALL AGES CAN EXPERIENCE THE BSO WITH $9 RUSH TICKETS

The Boston Symphony Orchestra’s 2015-16 season, October 1-April 23, will feature a number of new opportunities for patrons, including a new BSO app featuring mobile access to tickets, program notes, and the BSO’s social media feeds, as well as a variety of affordable ticket options for patrons in every age group. Beginning this season, “Casual Fridays” is a new young audience initiative featuring discounted ticket prices ($30-108), free pre- and post-concert receptions, conductor and musician comments from the stage, and exclusive behind-the-scenes digital content available throughout the concerts on pre-loaded BSO tablets. Ticket options designed to encourage young concert-goers to enjoy BSO concerts at Symphony Hall include the orchestra’s highly successful $20 concert tickets for patrons under the age of 40; the BSO College Card ($25), and the High School Card ($10), programs that invite students to attend virtually any concert of their choosing throughout the BSO season for just the one-time cost of the card, with the exception of a some pre-designated dates. The Young Professionals Group (YoPro) offers discounted ticket packages ($100 and $200) to BSO and Pops concerts featuring pre-and post-concert receptions, allowing members to meet and mingle with other young Bostonians. Patrons of all ages can also take advantage of BSO Rush Tickets, costing $9 each, as well as the four BSO Open Rehearsals, affordably priced between $18-30, providing patrons a unique look at the rehearsal process. In addition, the orchestra continues to offer the Massachusetts Teachers Association and members of the military a thirty percent discount on all single tickets and subscriptions.

Tickets may be purchased through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org), by phone through SymphonyCharge (617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200), or in person at the Symphony Hall Box Office (301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston).

BSO Launches New App
The Boston Symphony Orchestra is launching a new app this fall providing concert-goers with a new platform to interact with the Boston Symphony, Boston Pops, and Tanglewood brands. A highlight of the app, “During the Event,” provides users with such new media content as concert program notes and multimedia video podcasts relating to specific concerts, as well as practical information including maps of Symphony Hall, details about available dining options, and a complete schedule of special events taking place throughout the 2015-16 season. The new app also includes a social media feed connecting concert-goers with other listeners on Facebook and Twitter, as well as with reviews, comments, photos and other social-media-generated content. The new BSO app is now available for download and installation on Android devices via Google Play. It will be available on Apple devices via the App Store later this fall. Additional details to be available at www.bso.org in the coming weeks.

“Casual Fridays”
“Casual Fridays,” a new young audience initiative, designed to make concerts more affordable and accessible for the next generation of attendees, will be offered on three Friday-evenings during the 2015-16 season, January 15, February 12, and March 18. In addition, this new, lower-priced “Casual
Fridays” series includes a free pre-concert reception for all concert-goers, an opportunity for audience members to hear directly from the conductor and soloist from the Symphony Hall stage, and allows for the use of tablets—provided by the BSO—in a designated area of the hall. Subscribers who choose to take advantage of this digital media content can view in-depth information about the conductors and soloists, a score of the music being performed, and informative notes on the evening’s program. This new series also encourages concert-goers to wear their favorite casual attire to Symphony Hall, and includes a post-concert gathering in Higginson Hall, where they are encouraged to mingle and share their concert experiences in a relaxed setting with live music, snacks, and a cash bar.

“Casual Friday” tickets, $30-$104, are available through SymphonyCharge (617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200), in person at the Symphony Hall Box Office (301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston), or online through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org).

**Young Professionals Group (YoPro)**
The BSO’s Young Professionals Group (YoPro) offers young Bostonians an opportunity to enjoy BSO and Boston Pops concerts at a discounted price. The YoPro events feature both pre- and post-concert receptions with a buffet dinner and complimentary wine and beer for each performance. This year’s YoPro events include the October 15 Andris Nelsons-led performance of Strauss’s *Elektra* and the December 10 Holiday Pops concert. Tickets for each YoPro event are available at www.bso.org/yopro or by calling 888-266-1200. Patrons can choose from 4-ticket ($100) and 8-ticket ($200) packages that include pre- and post-concert receptions with a buffet dinner and complimentary wine and beer.

**$20 Tickets to Patrons under 40**
The Boston Symphony Orchestra will continue offering **$20 concert tickets for patrons under the age of 40** to BSO concerts for the 2015-16 Symphony Hall season. The tickets, normally priced from $25 to $145, will be made available for many Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Symphony Chamber Players programs during the 2015-16 season. For blackout dates please visit http://www.bso.org/20under40.

<40=$20 tickets, available on both the orchestra and balcony levels, may be purchased by phone through SymphonyCharge (617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200), in person at the Symphony Hall Box Office (301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston), or online through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org) with the promotional code “20under40.” Eligible patrons may purchase up to two tickets per show and must provide proof of age at the box office when picking up their tickets in order to receive the discount.

**BSO College Card**
The **BSO College Card** gives Boston-area college students the opportunity to hear an **unlimited** number of concerts throughout the BSO season for only $25. Concert availability will be announced on www.bso.org/collegecard on the Saturdays before the performance and tickets can be picked up—one per cardholder, student ID required—at the Symphony Hall Box Office beginning on Monday at 10 a.m. the week of the concert date. Availability is not guaranteed for all concerts. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. on the night of the concert. Students can register their cards online to receive up-to-date information on ticket availability.
High School Card
The **High School Card** is the best way for aspiring young high school musicians to experience the BSO on a regular basis. For only $10, High School Card-holders can attend an *unlimited* number of concerts throughout the BSO season. Concert availability will be announced on [www.bso.org/highschoolcard](http://www.bso.org/highschoolcard) the Saturdays before the performance and tickets can be picked up—one per cardholder, student ID required—at the Symphony Hall Box Office beginning on Saturday at Noon on the week of the concert date. Availability is not guaranteed for all concerts. Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. on the night of the concert. Students can register their cards online to receive up-to-date information on ticket availability. The BSO website ([www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org)) will be updated each Saturday with any additional upcoming blackout dates. High School Card-holders will also be invited to Teen Nights at Symphony, hosted by the BSO Teen Council. At these events, they will have the opportunity to connect with other high school musicians and meet members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Open Rehearsal Tickets
Tickets to **Open Rehearsals** are priced between $18 and $30 and provide Boston Symphony fans with a unique look at the rehearsal process. Because these are working rehearsals, patrons may experience interactions between the conductor, soloist, and orchestra throughout the performance, as well as more in-depth rehearsal of particular passages of the music that the conductor considers requiring more refinement. Open Rehearsal dates during the 2015-16 season include a performance of music by Beethoven, Brahms, and Sebastian Currier, led by Music Director **Andris Nelsons**, featuring pianist **Lars Vogt** (October 8); conductor **Jiří Bělohlávek** with cellist **Johannes Moser** in a performance of music by Smetana, Martinů, and Dvořák (January 21); conductor **Stéphane Devène** with violinist **Gil Shaham** in a performance of music by Jennifer Higdon, John Williams, and Saint-Saëns (March 17); and BSO Conductor Emeritus **Bernard Haitink** with pianist **Murray Perahia** in a program of music by Beethoven and Mahler (March 31). The Open Rehearsals also feature a pre-rehearsal talk from 9:30-10 a.m. in Symphony Hall, free to ticket holders.

Open Rehearsal tickets are reserved seating only. Tickets range from $18-$30 and can be purchased at the BSO Box Office, online at [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org), or through SymphonyCharge at 888-266-1200.

**BSO High School Open Rehearsal Series**
The **BSO’s High School Open Rehearsal Series** offers students in grades 8-12 the opportunity to attend up to three designated open rehearsals throughout the BSO season, offering students a look into a working rehearsal setting. High School Open Rehearsals include October 29, 2015, with conductor and
violinist Pinchas Zukerman; February 25, 2016, with conductor Charles Dutoit, tenor Paul Groves, the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, and Voices Boston; and April 14, 2016, with BSO Music Director Andris Nelsons. The program is designed for students to become a part of these in-depth rehearsal sessions and the day begins at 9:30 a.m. with a discussion about the music to be performed.

Tickets for High School Open Rehearsals are $10. Tickets must be purchased through SymphonyCharge at 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200 or at the Symphony Hall Box Office. A ticket handling fee of $1.50 per order will apply.

BSO Rush Tickets

BSO Rush Tickets enable concert-goers of all ages to enjoy a performance at Symphony Hall by the BSO for only $9 per ticket. A limited number of Rush Tickets for Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday afternoons are set aside to be sold on the day of the performance. Rush Tickets are limited to one per customer, and must be purchased with cash only. Rush Tickets are available at the BSO Box Office on Massachusetts Avenue beginning at 5 p.m. for Tuesday-, Thursday-, and Friday-evening concerts, and 10 a.m. for Friday-afternoon concerts. This program is made possible through the Richard and Claire Morse Rush Ticket Fund.

All programs and artists are subject to change. For more information or to purchase a College Card, High School Card, or High School Open Rehearsal ticket, contact the Boston Symphony Orchestra’s SymphonyCharge at 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200 or online at www.bso.org. For current program information, dial 617-CONCERT (266-2378). The Boston Symphony Orchestra is online at www.bso.org.

TICKET INFORMATION

Subscriptions for the BSO’s 2015-16 season are available now by calling the BSO Subscription Office at 888-266-7575 or online through the BSO’s website (http://www.bso.org/subscriptions). Single tickets, available from $25 to $145, may be purchased by phone through SymphonyCharge (617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200), online through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org), or in person at the Symphony Hall Box Office (301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston). There is a $6.25 service fee for all tickets purchased online or by phone through SymphonyCharge.

A limited number of Rush Tickets for Boston Symphony Orchestra subscription concerts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Friday afternoons are set aside to be sold on the day of a performance. These tickets are sold at $9 each, one to a customer, at the Symphony Hall Box Office. For Friday afternoon concerts Rush Tickets are available beginning at 10 a.m. For Tuesday and Thursday evening concerts Rush Tickets are available beginning at 5 p.m.

The BSO’s <40=$20 program allows patrons under the age of 40 to purchase tickets for $20. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis on both the orchestra and balcony levels. There is a limit of one pair per performance, but patrons may attend as many performances as desired.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra offers groups advanced ticket reservations and flexible payment options for BSO concerts at Symphony Hall. Groups of 20 or more may take advantage of ticket discounts, backstage tours, clinics, and master classes. Pre- and post-concert dining options and private
function space are available. More information is available through the group sales office at groupsales@bso.org.

The BSO College Card and High School Card are the best way for students and aspiring young musicians to experience the BSO on a regular basis. For only $25 (College Card) or $10 (High School Card) students can attend most BSO concerts at no additional cost by registering the card online to receive text and email notifications of real-time ticket availability.

American Express, MasterCard, Visa, Diners Club, and Discover (in person or by mail) and cash (in person only) are all accepted at the Symphony Hall Box Office. Gift certificates are available in any amount and may be used toward the purchase of tickets (subject to availability) to any Boston Symphony Orchestra or Boston Pops performance at Symphony Hall or Tanglewood. Gift certificates may also be used at the Symphony Shop to purchase merchandise.

Patrons with disabilities can access Symphony Hall through the Massachusetts Avenue lobby or the Cohen Wing on Huntington Avenue. An access service center, accessible restrooms, and elevators are available inside the Cohen Wing entrance. For ticket information, call the Access Services Administrator at 617-638-9431 or TDD/TTY 617-638-9289.

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