2017-18 BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA season, September 22-May 4, features a variety of affordable ticket options

Four BSO Casual Friday Concerts (10/20, 1/5, 2/9, and 4/6) offer patrons specially priced tickets, a chance to hear the conductor and soloists speak from the stage, and a “Conductor Cam” for patrons sitting in a designated section, allowing them to see the orchestra’s point of view; 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 membership 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), High School Card ($10), and medical card offering students access to concerts throughout the season.

BSO music director Andris Nelsons will lead all four Thursday-morning Open Rehearsals featuring violinist Gil Shaham (10/5); violinist Leonidas Kavakos (11/30); a performance of Bach’s Concerto in D minor for three pianos featuring Thomas Adès, Kirill Gerstein, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet (2/8); as well as cellist Yo-Yo Ma and BSO principal violist Steven Ansell (3/29).

Patrons of all ages can experience the BSO with $10 Rush Tickets.
The Boston Symphony Orchestra’s 2017-18 season, September 22-May 4, features a variety of affordable ticket options for patrons in every age group. Among these is the highly popular “Casual Fridays” program, a young audience initiative featuring discounted ticket prices ($25-45), free pre- and post-concert receptions, conductor and musician comments from the stage, and, in designated areas of the auditorium, a “Conductor Cam,” from which patrons see the orchestra’s perspective. Ticket options designed to encourage young concert-goers to enjoy BSO concerts at Symphony Hall include the orchestra’s 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 multiple concerts 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 membership packages ($150 for 4 tickets) 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 $10 each, as well as the four BSO Open Rehearsals, affordably priced between $18-30, providing patrons a unique look at the rehearsal process. The BSO also provides a limited number of complimentary tickets to EBT card holders. 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).

“CASUAL FRIDAYS”
“Casual Fridays,” a young audience initiative designed to make concerts more affordable for and accessible to the next generation of attendees, takes place on four Friday evenings during the 2017-18 season, October 20, January 5, February 9, and April 6.

This lower-priced series includes a free pre-concert reception for all concert-goers and an opportunity for audience members to hear directly from conductors and musicians from the Symphony Hall stage. Patrons who choose to sit in “Conductor Cam” seats in the rear orchestra and second balcony levels can watch the conductor from the orchestra’s perspective via monitors placed in front of these sections. This series also encourages both concert-goers and orchestra members to wear their favorite casual attire to Symphony Hall. Ticket-holders are invited to attend a post-concert gathering in Higginson Hall to mingle and share their concert experiences in a relaxed setting with live music, snacks, and a cash bar.

These programs will be offered on four Friday evenings during the season, including February 9 and April 6 with Andris Nelsons conducting, October 20 with BSO Associate Conductor Ken-David Masur conducting, and January 5 with François-Xavier Roth conducting.

“Casual Friday” tickets, $25-$45, 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 membership includes the October 10 BSO performance of Peer Gynt under Ken-David Masur’s direction. Tickets for each YoPro event are available at www.bso.org/yopro or by calling 888-266-1200. Patrons can purchase a 4-ticket ($150) package that includes 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 2017-18 Symphony Hall season. The tickets, normally priced from $30 to $145, will be made available for many Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Symphony Chamber Players programs during the 2017-18 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). 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 attend most of the Boston Symphony Orchestra’s concerts on a regular basis throughout the season for only $25. Weekly concert availability is listed on www.bso.org/collegecard 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. Students must register their cards online at www.bso.org/collegecard to receive up-to-date information on ticket availability.

College Cards may be purchased online at www.bso.org, by visiting the Symphony Hall Box Office, or by calling Symphony Charge at 617-266-1200.

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 concerts throughout the BSO season (with exception to blackout dates, listed at www.bso.org/highschoolcard). 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. Students can register their cards online to receive up-to-date information on ticket availability. The BSO website (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.

**High School Cards**

High School Cards may be purchased online at www.bso.org, by visiting the Symphony Hall Box Office, or by calling Symphony Charge at 617-266-1200.

**Medical Card**

The BSO Medical Card gives Boston-area medical students and residents the opportunity to attend most of the Boston Symphony Orchestra’s concerts on a regular basis throughout the season. The new BSO pilot program is organized directly with select hospital programs, including Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham and Womens’ Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, Harvard Medical School, Mount Auburn Hospital, The Cambridge Heath Alliance, and Boston Children’s Hospital. For more information contact customerservice@bso.org.

**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 2017-18 season include Andris Nelsons leading the BSO and Gil Shaham on Thursday, October 5; leading the BSO and Leonidas Kavakos on Thursday, November 30; leading pianists Thomas Adès, Kirill Gerstein, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet on Thursday, February 8; and finally leading cellist Yo-Yo Ma and BSO Principal Viola Steven Ansell on Thursday, March 29. 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, 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 take place on Thursday, October 19, 2017 with Ken-David Masur leading incidental music from Beethoven’s *Egmont* and Grieg’s *Peer Gynt*; Thursday, January 18, with Andris Nelsons leading Susan Graham, the BSO, and women of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus in Mahler Symphony No. 3; and on Thursday, March 1, with Alan Gilbert leading violinist Leila Josefowicz and the orchestra in music by Sibelius, Debussy, and Adams. 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 $10 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- and Thursday-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.

**BSO Tickets Available Via Electronic Benefits Transfer (Ebt) Card**

Complimentary BSO tickets are now available to EBT card holders for the 2017-18 BSO Season. Tickets to Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts at Symphony Hall may be obtained by visiting the Symphony Hall Box Office with your EBT card or by calling SymphonyCharge at 888-266-1200. Tickets reserved by phone will be held at the Symphony Hall Box Office for pick-up with a valid EBT card. A maximum of four tickets may be obtained per concert, per-card. Ticket quantities are limited, and the following blackout dates apply: Sep. 22; Feb. 1, 2, & 3; March 29, 30, 31, & April 1; April 5 & 7; May 1, 3, & 5.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Subscriptions for the BSO’s 2017-18 season are available 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 $30-145, 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 $6.50 service fee for all tickets purchased online or by phone through SymphonyCharge.

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.

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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