2018-19 BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SEASON, OCTOBER 11-MAY 4, FEATURES A VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE TICKET OPTIONS

FOUR BSO CASUAL FRIDAY CONCERTS (11/2, 1/11, 2/22, AND 4/12) OFFER PATRONS SPECIALLY PRICED TICKETS, A CHANCE TO HEAR BSO MUSICIANS SPEAK FROM THE STAGE, 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 FOR BOSTONIANS AGES 21 TO 45 TO ATTEND BSO, POPS, AND TANGLEWOOD CONCERTS HIGHLIGHTED BY 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 THREE THURSDAY-MORNING OPEN REHEARSALS ($18-$30) FEATURING TRUMPETER HÅKAN HARDENBERGER (11/15); VIOLINIST LISA BATIASHVILI (2/7); AND VIOLINIST BAIBA SKRIDE (5/2). SIR ANDREW DAVIS CONDUCTS A FOURTH THURSDAY-MORNING OPEN REHEARSAL WITH PIANIST ALESSIO BAX (1/10).

PATRONS OF ALL AGES CAN EXPERIENCE THE BSO WITH $10 RUSH TICKETS.
The Boston Symphony Orchestra’s 2018-19 season, October 11, 2018-May 4, 2019, 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 some pre-designated dates. The Young Professionals Group (YoPro) offers membership packages ($120 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”
The “Casual Fridays” series offers shorter programs that encourage an informal, relaxed atmosphere and feature comments about the program by BSO musicians. These lower-priced concerts take place on four Friday evenings during the 2018-19 season, November 2, January 11, February 22, and April 12. Ticketholders are welcome to attend a free pre-concert reception at Symphony Hall, and patrons who choose to sit in “Conductor Cam” seats—located 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. Select BSO players will also speak to concertgoers from the stage about the evening’s works, and “Casual Fridays” also encourage both patrons and orchestra members to wear casual attire to Symphony Hall. Ticketholders 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 and a cash bar. “Casual Fridays” launched during the 2015-16 season and builds on the success of the “Underscore Fridays” concerts offered in previous years.

For the first “Casual Fridays” concert on Friday, November 2, BSO Music Director Andris Nelsons leads the orchestra in Haydn’s Symphony No. 93 and Elgar’s Enigma Variations. BSO trombonist Stephen Lange speaks to the audience from the stage before the concert.

The January 11 program features guest conductor Sir Andrew Davis leading the BSO in Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K.491, with Alessio Bax as soloist. Sir Andrew also conducts Vaughan-Williams’s Symphony No. 5. BSO violinist Wendy Putnam gives the pre-concert remarks from the stage.

On February 22, the Boston Symphony Children’s Choir joins Andris Nelsons and the BSO for Britten’s Four Afternoons, for children’s choir and orchestra. The program also includes Lili Boulanger’s D’un Soir
triste, as well as Debussy’s Nocturnes, featuring the Lorelei Ensemble performing the wordless choral part in “Sirènes.” BSO Associate Principal bassoonist Richard Ranti speaks to the audience from the stage before the program.

Finally, on April 12, Venezuelan conductor Gustavo Dudamel takes the BSO podium for the great 20th-century Argentine composer Alberto Ginastera’s Piano Concerto No. 1, featuring soloist Sergio Tiempo in his BSO debut. Mr. Dudamel also leads the BSO in the Venezuelan composer Antonio Estévez’s Cantata Criolla featuring tenor Aquiles Machado, baritone Gustavo Castillo, and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus. BSO oboist Mark McEwen gives the pre-concert remarks that evening.

“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. To celebrate this YoPro season, the BSO is offering an 10-month membership including access to a new feature, “Conversations with Keith,” an interview series featuring Keith Lockhart and special guests.

An 18-month subscription to the YoPro season and events are available at www.bso.org or by calling 888-266-1200. The 18-month subscription ($120) includes tickets for 3 BSO concerts at Symphony Hall, 1 Holiday Pops concert, pre- and post-concert receptions at select BSO concerts, and bonus events with networking opportunities throughout the year.

**$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 2018-19 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 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 Women’s 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 observe interactions among the conductor, soloist(s), and orchestra throughout, as well as more in-depth rehearsal of particular passages requiring more refinement. Open Rehearsal dates during the 2018-19 season include **Andris Nelsons** leading the BSO and trumpeter **Håkan Hardenberger** on Thursday, November 15; **Sir Andrew Davis** leading the BSO and pianist **Alessio Bax** on Thursday, January 10; **Andris Nelsons** leading the BSO and violinist **Lisa Batiashvili** on Thursday, February 7; and lastly **Andris Nelsons** leading the BSO and violinist **Baiba Skride** on Thursday, May 2. The Open Rehearsals also feature Pre-Rehearsal Talks 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 25, with Andris Nelsons leading soprano Ying Fang, mezzo-soprano Bernarda Fink, the BSO, and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus in Maija Einifelde’s Lux aeterna, for mixed chorus, and Mahler’s Symphony No. 2, Resurrection; Thursday, February 14, with Andris Nelsons leading pianist Yuja Wang and the BSO in Schumann’s Piano Concerto, on a program with Bruckner’s Symphony No. 9; and on Thursday, April 11, with Gustavo Dudamel leading pianist Sergio Tiempo, tenor Aquiles Machado, baritone Gustavo Castillo, the BSO, and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus in Paul Desenne’s El Caimán, Ginastera’s Piano Concerto No. 1, and Estévez’s Cantata Criolla. The program is designed for students to become a part of these in-depth rehearsal sessions. A pre-rehearsal onstage interview begins at 9:30 a.m.

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.

BSO Tickets Available Via Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Card

Complimentary BSO tickets are available to EBT card holders for the 2018-19 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 blackout dates may apply.

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 2018-19 season are available by calling the BSO Subscription Office at 888-
266-7575 or online through the BSO’s website (www.bso.org/subscriptions). Single tickets, priced $30-$147, 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@bsoc.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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