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**DOLLY PARTON** JOINS 2016 TANGLEWOOD FESTIVAL LINEUP WITH JUNE 17 SEASON OPENING PERFORMANCE

NEWLY ANNOUNCED CONCERT FEATURING **KEITH LOCKHART** AND **THE BOSTON POPS SWING ORCHESTRA** CLOSES THE SEASON, SEPTEMBER 3

**TICKETS FOR THESE PERFORMANCES TO GO ON SALE ON APRIL 4 AT WWW.TANGLEWOOD.ORG AND 888-266-1200**

FOR FULL SEASON DETAILS ABOUT THE 2016 TANGLEWOOD SEASON—JUNE 17-SEPTEMBER 3—INCLUDING DOWNLOADABLE PHOTOS AND VIDEO, PROGRAM LISTINGS, AND ARTIST PHOTOS AND BIOGRAPHIES, [CLICK HERE](#)

Country music icon **Dolly Parton** makes her Tanglewood debut with a season-opening performance Friday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Koussevitzky Music Shed, joining the Tanglewood 2016 Popular Artist line-up.

**Keith Lockhart** and the **Boston Pops Swing Orchestra** will also perform in the Shed on Saturday, September 3, at 8 p.m., for “Dancing Under the Stars,” a festive, toe-tapping performance to close out the 2016 season in style. A dance floor will be set up on the lawn for this crowd-pleasing evening of memorable melodies and big band classics. This is the Boston Pops Swing Orchestra’s first-ever performance at Tanglewood.

Tanglewood’s Popular Artist lineup also features **Earth, Wind & Fire** (6/18), Beach Boys co-founder **Brian Wilson** (6/19), **Jackson Browne** (6/21), **A Prairie Home Companion** with host **Garrison Keillor** (6/27), the **Jerry Garcia Symphonic Celebration** featuring renowned guitarist **Warren Haynes** (7/1), **Bob Dylan** with special guest **Mavis Staples** (7/2), **James Taylor** (7/3 & 4), rock band **Train** (8/23), a live broadcast of NPR’s **Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!** (9/1), and **The B-52s** (9/2).

Tickets for Dolly Parton on June 17 range from $32 to $149. Tickets for the Boston Pops Swing Orchestra on September 3 range from $22 to $124. Tickets for these performances will go on sale Monday, April 4,
at 10 a.m. by phone at 888-266-1200 or online at www.tanglewood.org. Tickets for previously announced Tanglewood performances are currently on sale. The Tanglewood website also provides full details of the 2016 Tanglewood concert schedule, including performances by the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops orchestras, the Tanglewood Music Center, and guest artists from the worlds of classical, jazz, the American Songbook, Broadway, pop, rock, and film. Tanglewood—this country’s preeminent summer music festival and the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra—is located in the Berkshire Hills between Stockbridge and Lenox, Massachusetts.

2016 TANGLEWOOD SEASON
The 2016 Tanglewood season, June 17-September 3, offers visitors a wide-ranging schedule of performances and events with some of the biggest names in the classical music world and beyond, including BSO Music Director Andris Nelsons, Emanuel Ax, Joshua Bell, Yefim Bronfman, Christoph von Dohnányi, Charles Dutoit, Renée Fleming, Paul Lewis, Yo-Yo Ma, Kristine Opolais, Dawn Upshaw, and Yuja Wang featured with the Boston Symphony Orchestra; BSO Music Director Laureate and 2015 Kennedy Center honoree Seiji Ozawa returning to Tanglewood for the first time in 10 years; Boston Pops concerts including one with guest artist Seth MacFarlane, with Keith Lockhart conducting, and the ever-popular John Williams’ Film Night, featuring both Mr. Lockhart and John Williams on the podium; Ozawa Hall performances by Jordi Savall, Chris Botti, the Chick Corea Trio, Chanticleer, and the Emerson String Quartet; and favorite radio programs A Prairie Home Companion and Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me! live from the Koussevitzky Music Shed. James Taylor returns to Tanglewood in 2016 with his All-Star Band in the Koussevitzky Music Shed (7/3 & 4). Legendary singer-songwriter Bob Dylan is joined by special guest Mavis Staples for his first performance at Tanglewood since 1997 (7/2). Beach Boys co-founder Brian Wilson performs Pet Sounds in its entirety as part of a 50th anniversary celebration of the album, widely regarded as one of the greatest of all time (6/19). Warren Haynes will join Mr. Lockhart and the Boston Pops in the Jerry Garcia Symphonic Celebration (7/1). The 2016 Popular Artist lineup also features Earth, Wind & Fire (6/18), Jackson Browne (6/21), and Train (8/23). The 2016 Tanglewood season will also feature Fellows of the Tanglewood Music Center—the BSO’s acclaimed summer music academy—in orchestra, chamber music, and recital performances throughout the summer; highlights include a semi-staged performance of Kurt Weill’s The Seven Deadly Sins and the U.S. premiere of George Benjamin’s Dream of the Song, part of the 2016 Festival of Contemporary Music, July 21-25. For additional details please visit www.tanglewood.org.

ABOUT DOLLY PARTON
An internationally renowned superstar, the iconic and irrepressible Dolly Parton has contributed countless treasures to the world of entertainment. All-inclusive sales of singles, albums, hits collections, paid digital downloads and compilation usage during her illustrious career have topped a staggering 100 million records worldwide. Achieving 25 RIAA certified gold, platinum and multi-platinum awards, Dolly has had 25 songs reach No. 1 on the Billboard Country charts, a record for a female artist. Dolly has garnered 7 Grammy Awards, 10 Country Music Association Awards, 5 Academy of Country Music Awards, 3 American Music Awards and is one of only five female artists to win the Country Music Association’s Entertainer of the Year Award. Making her film debut in the 1980 hit comedy “9 to 5,” Dolly earned rave reviews for her performance and an Oscar nomination for writing the title tune, along with her second and third Grammy Awards. Roles in “Steel Magnolias,” “Best Little Whorehouse in
Texas,” “Rhinestone,” and “Straight Talk” followed. Dolly saw a cherished dream become a reality in 1986 with the opening of her own theme park, Dollywood, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. In 1988, Dolly began the Dollywood Foundation which funds Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library across America and in Canada by giving every preschool child a book each month from the time he or she is born until the child reaches kindergarten. Currently 60,000,000 books are mailed to children in the US, Canada and throughout the UK. In 1999, Dolly was inducted as a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame. She has her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and in 2004, the U.S. Library of Congress presented her with their Living Legend Award for her contribution to the cultural heritage of the United States. In December 2015, more than 13 million tuned into “Dolly Parton’s Coat of Many Colors” and was the most-watched film on broadcast networks since May 2012. To learn more about this American icon, visit DollyPartonEntertainment.com.

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CONCERT LISTING:

Friday, June 17, 7 p.m., Shed
Popular Artist Series
Dolly Parton

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“Dancing Under the Stars”
Boston Pops Swing Orchestra
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