TANGLEWOOD MAKES MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT 2017 POPULAR ARTIST SERIES

STING JOINS 2017 TANGLEWOOD SEASON POPULAR ARTIST LINE-UP WITH PERFORMANCE IN THE SHED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

TICKETS FOR STING’S TANGLEWOOD PERFORMANCE, ALONG HIS 57TH & 9TH WORLD TOUR, GO ON SALE MONDAY, MAY 1, AT 10 A.M., AT WWW.TANGLEWOOD.ORG AND 888-266-1200

FOR FULL SEASON DETAILS ABOUT THE 2017 TANGLEWOOD SEASON—JUNE 17-LABOR DAY WEEKEND—INCLUDING DOWNLOADABLE PHOTOS AND VIDEO, PROGRAM LISTINGS, AND ARTIST PHOTOS AND BIOGRAPHIES, CLICK HERE

Sting’s 57th & 9th World Tour, with special guests Joe Sumner and The Last Bandoleros, comes to Tanglewood, Tuesday, August 29, at 8 p.m., following sold-out concerts across North America and Europe. This performance marks Sting’s Tanglewood debut. Sting is joined by a three-piece band including his longtime guitarist Dominic Miller, plus drummer Josh Freese and guitarist Rufus Miller, with backing vocals from Diego Navaira and Jerry Fuentes of The Last Bandoleros, as well as Joe Sumner.

Sting’s twelfth solo studio album, 57th & 9th, his first rock/pop project in over a decade, was released November 11 on A&M/Interscope Records. The ten-song collection represents a wide range of Sting’s musical and songwriting styles from the raucous, guitar-driven first single, “I Can’t Stop Thinking About You” to the ferocious, Road Warrior-style imagery of “Petrol Head” and the anthemic “50,000.” The album, produced by Martin Kierszenbaum, was recorded in just a few weeks with Sting’s longtime collaborators Dominic Miller (guitar) and Vinnie Colaiuta (drums), as well as drummer Josh Freese (Nine Inch Nails, Guns n’ Roses), guitarist Lyle Workman, and backing vocals by the San Antonio-based Tex-Mex band The Last Bandoleros.

Sting joins the Tanglewood 2017 Popular Artist Series line-up, which also includes performances by “Four Voices,” featuring Joan Baez, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Amy Ray, and Emily Saliers (6/17); Boz
Scaggs and Michael McDonald (6/30); John Mellencamp with Emmylou Harris and Carlene Carter (7/1); singer-songwriter Natalie Merchant (7/2); James Taylor and his All-Star Band (7/3 & 4); humorist David Sedaris (8/20); iconic singer Diana Ross (8/30), The Avett Brothers (9/1); and Melissa Etheridge with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops (9/3).

Tickets for the Tuesday, August 29, Sting concert ranging from $33 to $189, go on sale Monday, May 1, 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 2017 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.

2017 TANGLEWOOD SEASON AND POPULAR ARTIST SERIES
The 2017 Tanglewood season, June 17-Labor Day Weekend, offers visitors an exceptional lineup of performances and musical activities for music lovers of every age, highlighted by 10 programs led by Boston Symphony Orchestra Music Director Andris Nelsons and major new initiatives designed to give patrons a wide spectrum of musical, entertainment, and educational activities, including some to enjoy before and after selected performances throughout the summer. In his most significant commitment yet to Tanglewood, Mr. Nelsons will lead both the opening and closing BSO concerts, Mahler’s Symphony No. 2, Resurrection, and Beethoven Symphony No. 9; an opera gala with Kristine Opolais and Dmitri Hvorostovsky performing excerpts from Simon Boccanegra, La traviata, and Eugene Onegin, and the first-ever BSO and festival concert performance of the complete Das Rheingold, a tour de force milestone in the history of the festival. Mr. Nelsons will also conduct the Boston Pops Orchestra for the first time, sharing the podium for Film Night with John Williams. In addition to Tanglewood’s classical music offerings, the 2017 Tanglewood season also includes performances by “Four Voices”—featuring Joan Baez, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and Amy Ray and Emily Saliers of the Indigo Girls (6/17); Boz Scaggs and Michael McDonald (6/30); John Mellencamp with Emmylou Harris and Carlene Carpenter (7/1); singer-songwriter Natalie Merchant (7/2); James Taylor and his All-Star Band (7/3 & 4); David Sedaris (8/20); iconic singer Diana Ross (8/30); American folk-rock band The Avett Brothers (9/1); and Melissa Etheridge, who joins Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops to close out the 2017 Tanglewood season (9/3).

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For further information, call the Boston Symphony Orchestra at 617-266-1492. The Boston Symphony Orchestra is online at www.bso.org. All programs and artists are subject to change.
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CONCERT LISTING:
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