FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, April 6, 2018

GRAMMY AND EMMY AWARD-WINNING ARTIST
HARRY CONNICK JR., TO JOIN 2018 TANGLEWOOD SEASON, PERFORMING IN KOUSSEVITZKY MUSIC SHED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23, AT 7 P.M.

TICKETS FOR HARRY CONNICK JR. GO ON SALE MONDAY, APRIL 9, AT WWW.TANGLEWOOD.ORG AND 888-266-1200

FOR FULL SEASON DETAILS OF THE 2018 TANGLEWOOD SEASON, INCLUDING DOWNLOADABLE PHOTOS AND VIDEO, PROGRAM LISTINGS, AND ARTIST PHOTOS AND BIOGRAPHIES, CLICK HERE

TO DOWNLOAD A PHOTO OF HARRY CONNICK, JR. FOR PRESS USE, PLEASE CLICK HERE

Grammy and Emmy Award-winning multi-talented artist Harry Connick Jr. will join the 2018 Tanglewood season for a performance of “A New Orleans Tricentennial Celebration” in the Koussevitzky Music Shed on Saturday, June 23, at 7 p.m. The concert will feature a night of Connick’s hits and New Orleans favorites.

Harry Connick Jr. has exemplified excellence in every aspect of the entertainment world. He has received recognition with multiple Grammy and Emmy Awards as well as Tony nominations for his live and recorded musical performances, his achievements on screen large and small and his appearances on Broadway as both an actor and a composer. He last performed at Tanglewood in 2015 and made his Tanglewood debut in 1990. The foundation of his art is the music of his native New Orleans, where he began performing as a pianist and vocalist at the age of five. Join Harry as he celebrates the New Orleans influences that shaped his remarkable career. Tickets for the Harry Connick Jr. performance range from $33 to $135 and will be available for purchase beginning Monday, April 9, at www.tanglewood.org and by calling 888-266-1200.

2018 TANGLEWOOD POPULAR ARTIST SERIES
Roger Daltrey kicks off the season with the Boston Pops performing The Who’s Tommy on June 15. Legendary rocker David Crosby and iconic singer-songwriter Mary Chapin Carpenter will perform in the Shed with Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen the next evening, June 16. Stephen Stills and Judy Collins take the Tanglewood stage on Sunday, June 17. Grammy Award-winning bluegrass-country artist Alison Krauss will join the lineup on Tuesday, June 19. Multi-platinum selling pop artist Andy Grammer will perform on Friday, June 22; celebrated folk artists Ry Cooder and Emmylou Harris share the Tanglewood stage on Sunday, July 1; and The Steve Miller Band with Peter Frampton will stop by the Shed on Monday, July 2. Bela Fleck and the Flecktones bring their unique sound to Ozawa Hall on Friday, June 29. James Taylor
returns to Tanglewood with his all-star band for performances on Tuesday, July 3, and Wednesday, July 4. One of Tanglewood’s most beloved summer traditions, Tanglewood on Parade, will take place on Tuesday, August 7: a full day of performances and family fun activities throughout the grounds, culminating in a concert by the Boston Symphony, Boston Pops, and Tanglewood Music Center orchestras, with a grand finale performance of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture, followed by a spectacular fireworks show over the Stockbridge Bowl. Finally, two icons of comedy, Steve Martin and Martin Short will present “An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Life” featuring The Steep Canyon Rangers and Jeff Babko on Sunday, September 2.

Popular artist offerings at Tanglewood also include Live from Here with host Chris Thile on June 30 and Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!, with host Peter Sagal on June 21.

2018 TANGLEWOOD SEASON
As the culmination of a year-long worldwide celebration of the centennial of Leonard Bernstein’s birth, the 2018 Tanglewood season, entitled Bernstein Centennial Summer—Celebrating Lenny at Tanglewood!, will pay tribute to Leonard Bernstein’s legacy as a consummate artistic figure of the 20th century and his incomparable contribution to the Tanglewood festival from 1940 to 1990. As one of the places most closely associated with Leonard Bernstein, Tanglewood, June 15 -September 2, will honor this towering musical figure with concerts showcasing his singular contributions as a multifaceted composer for orchestra, Broadway, and film; a brilliant programmer and conductor of the world’s great orchestras; and an innovative and provocative educator through his widely popular Young People’s Concerts and lectures. BSO Music Director Andris Nelsons, leading thirteen programs throughout the summer, will play a major role in Tanglewood’s Bernstein Centennial Summer, leading twelve works either composed by Bernstein or strongly associated with his life as a conductor and pianist. The celebration will also feature a kaleidoscopic array of artists and ensembles from the worlds of classical music, film, and Broadway—including Christoph Eschenbach, Thomas Hampson, Yo-Yo Ma, Midori, and Michael Tilson Thomas—all musicians who worked directly with Leonard Bernstein early in their careers—along with conductors Keith Lockhart, and John Williams, concert singers Susan Graham, Isabel Leonard, and Nadine Sierra, Broadway singers Jessica Vosk and Tony Yazbeck, and Austrian-Persian cellist Kian Soltani, recent winner of the Schleswig-Holstein Festival’s Leonard Bernstein Award. The celebration culminates in a special gala performance on Saturday, August 25, hosted by Audra McDonald (who will also participate as a vocalist) and directed by James Darrah.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra is also pleased to celebrate John Williams as the recipient of the 2018 Tanglewood Medal in recognition of his 37 years of devoted leadership to Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony, and the Boston Pops and his iconic stature as one of the greatest composers of the 20th and 21st centuries. Reflective of Mr. Williams’ deep significance to the Tanglewood Festival, he will compose a new work for cello and orchestra to be premiered with soloist Yo-Yo Ma in the Leonard Bernstein Memorial Concert with conductor Andris Nelsons and the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra.

In addition, the 2018 Tanglewood season lineup of guest artists and ensembles includes conductors Herbert Blomstedt, Moritz Gnann, and Juanjo Mena; singers Sasha Cooke, Joseph Kaiser, Elisabeth Kulman, Elliot Madore, Kelley O’Connor, Eric Owens, Nicholas Phan, Luca Pisaroni, and Paul Plishka; instrumentalists Emanuel Ax, Joshua Bell, Jeremy Denk, Leon Fleisher, Pamela Frank, Kirill Gerstein—the 2018 Koussevitzky Artist—Katherine Jacobson, Lang Lang, Igor Levit, Paul Lewis, Garrick Ohlsson, Christian Tetzlaff, and Yuja Wang; and ensembles the Boston Symphony Chamber Players, Emerson Quartet, The Knights, JACK Quartet, and Skride Quartet.
**TANGLEWOOD IN BRIEF**
One of the premier summer music festivals in the world and summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1937, Tanglewood is located in the beautiful Berkshire Hills, between Stockbridge and Lenox, Massachusetts. Launching a new chapter in the illustrious festival’s 80-year history, Tanglewood has begun construction of a new multi-use, multi-season, four-building complex designed to support the performance and rehearsal activities of the Tanglewood Music Center and be the focal point of a new initiative, the Tanglewood Learning Institute, offering wide-ranging education and enrichment programs designed to enhance the patron experience; the new buildings are scheduled to open in summer 2019. Tickets for the 2018 Tanglewood season, $12-$160, are available through Tanglewood’s website, www.tanglewood.org, SymphonyCharge at 888-266-1200, and at the Symphony Hall Box Office at 301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston MA. Full season details of the 2018 Tanglewood season, including downloadable photos and video, program listings, and artist photos and biographies are available here.

**SPONSORSHIP**
Delta Air Lines is the Official Airline of the BSO. Commonwealth Worldwide Executive Transportation is the Official Chauffeured Transportation of the BSO.

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.

# # #

**PRESS CONTACT:**
Bernadette Horgan, Director of Public Relations, bhorgan@bso.org; 617-638-9285
Taryn Lott, Assistant Director of Public Relations, tlott@bso.org; 617-638-9283

**CONCERT LISTING:**
**Saturday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. Shed**
Harry Connick Jr.
A New Orleans Tricentennial Celebration