JAMES TAYLOR AND HIS ALL-STAR BAND TO PERFORM ON JULY 4 AS PART OF THE 2020 TANGLEWOOD SEASON

TICKETS FOR JAMES TAYLOR AT TANGLEWOOD GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 3

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James Taylor returns to Tanglewood with his All-Star Band for a performance on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at 8 p.m. in the Koussevitzky Music Shed. The July 4 concert will be followed by a spectacular fireworks display over the Stockbridge Bowl in celebration of the Independence Day holiday. Proceeds from this concert will be donated by Kim and James Taylor to Tanglewood Building and Grounds Projects.

Taylor has two exciting new projects which will be released early this year. The first is an Audible Original spoken-word memoir titled Break Shot, a deeply personal and authentic audio-only memoir detailing Taylor's first 21 years. Taylor will also be releasing a brand-new album of standard recordings on Fantasy Records. Both announcements will be coming out soon.

Taylor’s music embodies the art of songwriting in its most personal and universal forms. He is a master at describing specific, even autobiographical situations in a way that resonates with people everywhere. His iconic songs, including “Fire and Rain,” “Country Road,” “Something in the Way She Moves,” “Mexico,” “Shower the People,” “Your Smiling Face,” “Carolina In My Mind,” “Sweet Baby James,” “Don’t Let Me Be Lonely Tonight,” “You Can Close Your Eyes,” “Walking Man,” “Never Die Young,” “Shed a Little Light,” among others, have had a profound influence on songwriters and music lovers from all walks of life. Mr. Taylor, who regularly performs to sold-out audiences at Tanglewood, has returned to the festival 28 times since his first performance there in 1974.

James and his wife Caroline (Kim) live in the Berkshires with their twin sons, Henry and Rufus.

Tickets for the July 4 concert by James Taylor, priced from $30 (lawn tickets) to $120, go on sale Monday, February 3 at 10 a.m. at 888-266-1200 or www.tanglewood.org, where visitors can also find full details of the 2020 Tanglewood concert schedule, including performances by the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops orchestras, the Tanglewood Music Center, and guest artists from the worlds of

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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, Mass.

**JAMES TAYLOR BIO**

As a recording and touring artist, James Taylor has touched people with his warm baritone voice and distinctive style of guitar-playing for more than 50 years, while setting a precedent to which countless young musicians have aspired. Over the course of his celebrated songwriting and performing career, Taylor has sold more than 100 million albums, earning gold, platinum, and multi-platinum awards since the release of his self-titled debut album in 1968. In 2015, Taylor released *Before This World*, the first-ever #1 album of his illustrious career. Taylor has won multiple Grammy awards, has been inducted into both the Rock and Roll and the prestigious Songwriters Halls of Fame, and in February 2006, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences selected him as its MusiCares Person of the Year. Taylor was also awarded the distinguished Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French government and the National Medal of Arts by President Barack Obama in 2012. In November 2015, Taylor was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor, and in December 2016 he received the Kennedy Center Honors, which are presented annually to individuals who have enriched American culture by distinguished achievement in the performing arts.

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**2020 TANGLEWOOD SEASON AND POPULAR ARTIST SERIES**

The 2020 Tanglewood season, June 19-August 30, offers visitors an exceptional lineup of performances and musical activities for music lovers of every age, highlighted by 12 programs led by Boston Symphony Orchestra Music Director Andris Nelsons, including Act III of Wagner’s *Tannhäuser* (7/11) and three programs showcasing Paul Lewis in all five Beethoven piano concertos (7/17-19). Mr. Nelsons will also share the podium for a weekend-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of Isaac Stern’s birth, which features performances by violinists Augustin Hadelich, Midori, Pamela Frank, and Joshua Bell (7/24-26). In addition to Tanglewood’s classical music offerings, the 2020 Tanglewood season includes Keith Lockhart leading the Boston Pops Orchestra in *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* (8/21) and the annual John Williams’ Film Night, hosted by Mr. Williams (8/15). Tanglewood’s Popular Artist series kicks off June 20 at 7:30 p.m. with composer / guitarist / vocalist Trey Anastasio, a founding member of the rock band Phish, joining Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops in concert in the Shed. American music icons Judy Collins and Arlo Guthrie finish out the opening weekend with an afternoon performance in the Shed (6/21). And on August 27, the popular NPR program *Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!* with host Peter Sagal returns to the Shed.
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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:**

**Saturday, July 4, 8 p.m.**
Koussevitzky Music Shed at Tanglewood
*Popular Artist Series*
James Taylor and his All-Star Band

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*Fireworks to follow the concert*