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NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC RETURNS TO BRAVO! VAIL

The New York Philharmonic opens 12th annual Bravo! Vail residency July 18; celebrated pianist Yefim Bronfman joins Music Director Alan Gilbert and the New York Philharmonic for two stellar concerts

Vail, CO (July 15, 2014): The New York Philharmonic begins its 12th annual Bravo! Vail residency on Friday, July 18 with renowned pianist Yefim Bronfman playing Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto, led by Music Director Alan Gilbert at the spectacular outdoor setting of Vail's Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater. The following evening, Saturday, July 19, Bronfman returns with Beethoven's Fifth Piano Concerto, subtitled "Emperor," as part of an all-Beethoven program. Conductors Bramwell Tovey and Ted Sperling – both Bravo! Vail audience favorites – also return to lead the New York Philharmonic during its weeklong residency. The New York Philharmonic has performed at Bravo! Vail each summer since 2003.

"The New York Philharmonic is really a centerpiece of summer in Vail," said James W. Palermo, president and executive director, Bravo! Vail. "I marvel at the precision, power, and soul of their performances. Each one comes with great commitment, spirit, and energy. Audiences are in for a special treat this summer with the great variety of programs the New Yorkers will offer."

Gilbert, who conducts three concerts during the New York Philharmonic's residency, has selected works by composers for whom he has advocated during his tenure, ranging from the great Danish composer Carl Nielsen, to American composer Christopher Rouse, the New York Philharmonic's Marie-Josée Kravis Composer-in-Residence.

Gilbert's concluding Bravo! Vail concert on Sunday, July 20 features New York Philharmonic Principal Oboe Liang Wang in a performance of Rouse's work from 2004, the Oboe Concerto. The Concerto received its New York premiere in November 2013 with Gilbert conducting Wang and the New York Philharmonic. This concert marks its Bravo! Vail debut.

Rouse, whose term as Composer-in-Residence was recently extended for a third season, explains the Oboe Concerto: "It's a real workout for the oboist. It is one of my more genial works. There aren't too many clouds in the sky. It's meant to have a kind of amorous, romantic quality."

"What I've always loved most about the Philharmonic is that they play as though it's a matter of life or death," continued Rouse. "The energy, excitement, commitment, and intensity are so exciting and wonderful for a composer. Some of the very best performances I've ever had have been by the Philharmonic."

Bramwell Tovey, the Grammy Award-winning music director of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, returns for his 11th summer at Bravo! Vail to conduct two programs. The first concert on Wednesday, July 23 features Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Gershwin's *Strike Up the Band*, and Copland's Clarinet Concerto, with New York Philharmonic Associate Principal and Solo E-flat Clarinet Mark Nuccio as soloist.

Tovey conducts the residency's concluding program on Friday, July 25, featuring Shostakovich's *Festive Overture*; Rachmaninoff's arrangement of his own *Vocalise*; Tchaikovsky's *Waltz of the Flowers* from *The*

Nutcracker, and *Marché slave*; and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 1, with local favorite Joyce Yang as soloist.

Tony and Drama Desk award-winning Broadway conductor Ted Sperling returns to Bravo! Vail to conduct *Broadway Night with the Philharmonic: The Music of Frank Loesser*, on Thursday, July 24. This eagerly-awaited concert features Broadway stars Christine Ebersole, Laura Osnes, and Santino Fontana. Fontana, who is marking his New York Philharmonic debut at this concert, will be recognized by fans of the Academy Award-winning Disney animated feature *Frozen* as the voice of Prince Hans.

Tickets are on sale and start at \$28. For more information about the New York Philharmonic's residency and to purchase tickets, visit bravovail.org or call 877.812.5700.

Bravo! Vail: The New York Philharmonic

Bronfman Plays Beethoven's Concerto No. 3

The New York Philharmonic's 2014 residency opens with pianist Yefim Bronfman playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 led by Music Director Alan Gilbert. Grammy Award-winning pianist Yefim ("Fima") Bronfman's commanding technique and exceptional lyrical gifts have won consistent critical acclaim and enthusiastic audiences worldwide for his solo recitals, prestigious orchestral engagements, and expanding catalogue of recordings. (Please note, Yefim Bronfman has replaced Midori for this evening's performance.)

What: ***Bronfman Plays Beethoven's Concerto No. 3***

Where: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, 530 S Frontage Rd. E, Vail, CO 81657

When: 6 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2014

Cost: Limited availability seating. Please call for more information. Lawn tickets are \$28.

Lawn tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.

Information: Visit bravovail.org or call the Box Office: 877.812.5700.

Bronfman Plays Beethoven's Emperor

The New Yorkers join Yefim Bronfman, one of the world's leading pianists, in an all-Beethoven program centering on two of the composer's most popular works – his concertos numbers 1 and 5. Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, subtitled *Emperor*, remains one of the most recognizable works in the classical music repertory.

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When: 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 2014

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Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet

New York Philharmonic principal oboe Liang Wang takes center stage to perform American composer Christopher Rouse's Oboe Concerto. Orchestral gems round out the rest of the program, including Tchaikovsky's romantic *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy Overture, whose love theme is instantly recognizable across the globe.

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American Favorites

Conductor Bramwell Tovey leads a jazzy program of colorful American favorites, including Gershwin's *Strike Up the Band Overture*. The New York Philharmonic's associate principal and solo e-flat clarinet, Mark Nuccio, performs Copland's Clarinet Concerto, written for jazz and swing great Benny Goodman.

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Broadway Night with the Philharmonic: The Music of Frank Loesser

After last summer's sold out event, veteran Broadway conductor Ted Sperling is back to lead the New York Philharmonic, this year in a program of music by Frank Loesser, including hits from *Guys and Dolls*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *The Most Happy Fella*, *Where's Charley*, and *Hans Christian Andersen*. This spectacular concert features Broadway stars Christine Ebersole, Laura Osnes, and Santino Fontana. Fun Fact: Fontana is the voice of Prince Hans in the Oscar-winning animated feature *Frozen*. Bring the family and come hear him live at Broadway Night with the Philharmonic.

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Russian Classics

The New York Philharmonic's 2014 residency closes with a popular program of Russian classics, featuring local favorite Joyce Yang in Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 1. Also on the concert are Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise*, and Tchaikovsky's *March Slave*.

What: ***Russian Classics***
Where: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, 530 S Frontage Rd. E, Vail, CO 81657
When: 6 p.m. Friday, July 25, 2014
Cost: Limited availability seating. Please call for more information. Lawn tickets are \$28.
Information: Visit bravovail.org or call the Box Office: 877.812.5700.

Bravo! Vail gratefully acknowledges the support of Friends of the New York Philharmonic and the Town of Vail.

About Bravo! Vail

Bravo! Vail, one of North America's premier summer music festivals, brings world-renowned musicians to picturesque venues throughout Eagle County, Colorado for six weeks each summer, drawing music lovers from around the world. The only festival in North America to host three of the world's finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 27th season June 27 through August 2, 2014, under the direction of Artistic Director Anne-Marie McDermott and President & Executive Director James W. Palermo. The 2014 season features residencies by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic, with celebrated concerto artists plus a wide

array of stellar chamber music performances. For more information about Bravo! Vail visit bravovail.org or call [970.827.5700](tel:970.827.5700).

How to Purchase Tickets

All tickets for the 27th Season of Bravo! Vail are now on sale. Purchase tickets online at bravovail.org or by calling the box office at 877.812.5700.

- Orchestral concerts featuring the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and New York Philharmonic start at \$28 for both lawn and “Saver” pavilion seats.
- Lawn tickets for children between the ages of 2 and 12 are \$5.
- Tickets for the Chamber Music Series start at \$29 and Silver Oak & Twomey Series tickets start at \$50.
- Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00AM - 4:00PM MST.

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