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PIANIST ANNE-MARIE MCDERMOTT SHINES AT BRAVO! VAIL

Renowned Scottish conductor Donald Runnicles leads The Philadelphia Orchestra in a concert program featuring pianist Anne-Marie McDermott and Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27

Vail, CO (July 7, 2014): Bravo! Vail Artistic Director, pianist Anne-Marie McDermott returns to the Bravo! Vail stage this evening in a performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27 in B-flat major with The Philadelphia Orchestra and renowned Scottish conductor Donald Runnicles. This much-anticipated concert also includes Britten's Four Sea Interludes from *Peter Grimes* and Brahms's Symphony No. 3. Tickets for this evening—titled "Brahms Symphony No. 3"—are still available. Lawn tickets are \$28 or \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Visit bravovail.org or call the box office at 877.812.5700 for more information.

This beautiful concert program is a rare opportunity to enjoy the pairing of Mozart's poignant, final concerto – it was the first work completed in Mozart's last year – together with the Third Symphony of Brahms, which was acclaimed as Brahms' best work in the form at its 1883 premiere. Today, many music lovers argue that the Third Symphony is the greatest of all of Brahms' compositions. The music critic Eduard Hanslick, who was also a friend of Brahms said, "Many music lovers will prefer the titanic force of the First Symphony; others, the untroubled charm of the Second, but the Third strikes me as being artistically the most nearly perfect." The Third Symphony continues to be an audience favorite today, and is heard often in popular media, from the 2013 film *Kill Your Darlings* to the video game *Civilization IV*, which uses it as part of the soundtrack for the Industrial Age.

Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27, known for its expressiveness and warmth, is a true jewel of the repertoire. At the time of its 1791 premiere, Mozart's health was in decline and he was no longer in great demand as a public performer. It is believed that its premiere was his last appearance in public. The Piano Concerto No. 27 is without a doubt extraordinary, celebrated for its brilliant interplay between the piano and orchestra, which continues to be enjoyed by audiences the world over more than 220 years since Mozart's death.

If You Go: *Brahms Symphony No. 3*

Bravo! Vail Artistic Director, pianist Anne-Marie McDermott, plays Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27. The evening begins with Benjamin Britten's haunting interludes from his opera *Peter Grimes*, and concludes with the Third Symphony of Brahms, whose tender and lyrical score offers gorgeous, soothing melodies.

What: ***Mozart and Brahms***

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

When: 6 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2014

Cost: Tickets range from \$28 to \$115. Lawn tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.

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

Pianist Anne-Marie McDermott is highlighted during Bravo! Vail's 27th season, including several Bravo! Vail Chamber Music Series concerts such as "McDermott and Members of the Philharmonic" on July 15 at Vail's Donovan Pavilion, and "Baroque Concertos and More" on August 2 at Beaver Creek's Vilar Performing Arts Center. In addition, McDermott will perform Bach's Keyboard Concerto in D minor, BWV 1052, in a concert that also features members of The Philadelphia Orchestra on July 8.

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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