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PIANIST STEPHEN HOUGH MAKES BRAVO! VAIL DEBUT

British pianist Stephen Hough to perform Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra; evening closes with Ravel's most recognizable work, Boléro

Vail, CO (June 25, 2014): British pianist Stephen Hough makes his much-anticipated Bravo! Vail debut with Maestro Jaap van Zweden and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, June 29 at Vail's Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater. For his debut, Hough has selected Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major—a work of deep complexity and epic beauty that is an established favorite among music lovers the world over. Also featured on this varied concert program are Fauré's Suite from the Incidental Music to Maeterlinck's *Pelléas et Mélisande*, and Ravel's Suite No. 2 from *Daphnis et Chloé*. The evening closes with Ravel's most recognizable work, *Boléro*. Tickets for this concert titled "Ravel's *Bolero*" are on sale now. 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.

"Stephen Hough is an extraordinary person - a Renaissance man is there ever was one," said James W. Palermo, president and executive director, Bravo! Vail. "Aside from being one of the most distinguished pianists on the planet, Stephen is a composer and transcriber, and often includes his own works on recitals. A cello concerto, masses, a trio and song cycles are among recent compositions. He was awarded the prestigious and highly coveted MacArthur Fellowship in 2001, joining prominent writers and scientists who have made significant contributions in their fields. Stephen is also a published author and had a solo exhibition of his paintings at the Broadbent Gallery in London in October 2012."

Named by *The Economist* as one of 20 Living Polymaths, Hough enjoys a distinguished career as one of the world's leading concert pianists, while also excelling as a writer and composer. Hough combines an exceptional facility and tonal palette with a uniquely inquisitive musical personality, and his musical achievements have resulted in many awards and accolades for his concerts and a discography of more than fifty recordings. Hough is also an avid writer. He has written for London's *The Guardian* and *The Times*, and was invited by the Telegraph Media Group in December 2008 to write a [cultural blog](#) that receives ten to 15 thousand hits every week.

Hough has appeared with almost all of the major European and American orchestras and plays recitals regularly in halls and concert series around the world. His recent engagements include recitals in Berlin, Chicago, Hong Kong, London, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Shanghai, and Sydney; performances with the London, Los Angeles, and New York Philharmonics, the Chicago, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Toronto symphonies, the Cleveland, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Budapest Festival and Russian National Orchestras; and a performance televised worldwide with the Berlin Philharmonic and Sir Simon Rattle. He is also a regular guest at festivals such as Blossom, Edinburgh, Hollywood Bowl, Mostly Mozart, Ravinia, Salzburg, Tanglewood, and the BBC Proms, where he has made over 20 appearances and performed the complete Tchaikovsky concertos over four programs, a series he later performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall. To learn more about Hough, visit stephenhough.com.

If You Go: Ravel's Bolero

French works form the core of this varied program of works by Liszt, Fauré and Ravel. British pianist

Stephen Hough performs in his Bravo! Vail debut before the evening closes with Ravel's most recognizable work, *Boléro*.

What: ***Bravo! Vail – Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Pianist Stephen Hough***

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

When: 6 p.m. Sunday, June 29, 2014

Cost: Tickets range from \$28 to \$102. Lawn tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.

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

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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