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BRAVO! VAIL OPENS JUNE 27

Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic headline six-week music festival; Bravo! Vail welcomes acclaimed artists including violinists Midori and Joshua Bell, pianists Hélène Grimaud and Yefim Bronfman, and jazz guitarist John Pizzarelli

Vail, CO – June 3, 2014 – Bravo! Vail opens its 27th season on Friday June 27, 2014 at Vail’s Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, beginning six weeks of music-making featuring the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic, in a festival setting that draws more than 60,000 concertgoers each year. Building on the excitement of close to three decades of remarkable concerts, Bravo! Vail once again welcomes a line-up of celebrated soloists to the stage, including violinists Midori, Joshua Bell and James Ehnes, and pianists Hélène Grimaud, Stephen Hough and Yefim Bronfman, as well as jazz guitarist John Pizzarelli. Tickets for all Bravo! Vail concerts are on sale at bravovail.org or by calling the box office at 877.812.5700.

“June means summer, and that means it’s time for Bravo! Vail,” said James W. Palermo, executive director, Bravo! Vail. “We open in less than a month, and have a varied, exciting, and star-studded summer of the best classical, pops and jazz presentations available, anywhere. We are thrilled with Bravo! Vail’s continued growth, the unique nature of our summer presence and that the Festival continues to be a driving force for the local and regional economy. Besides creating great art, Bravo! Vail is wonderful for business in the Vail Valley.”

Bravo! Vail, which showcases classical and chamber music’s greatest stars at concert venues throughout Eagle County, Colorado, adds new dimensions to the festival this year, including the newly-announced Bravo! Vail After Dark series. Designed specifically for younger patrons and those interested in engaging with classical music in a more relaxed format, Bravo! Vail After Dark presents popular Bravo! Vail artists in informal locations such as the Vail Ale House (Third Coast Percussion; July 19) and the Crazy Mountain Brewing Company in Edwards (Calder Quartet; July 26).

For the first time in festival history, Bravo! Vail’s Chamber Music Series features members of each of the three visiting orchestras. The Chamber Music Series showcases rare opportunities to experience chamber works in more intimate, smaller venues, such as Vivaldi’s *The Four Seasons* performed by members of The Philadelphia Orchestra on July 8 at Vail’s Donovan Pavilion.

“Each season of Bravo! Vail feels like a fresh adventure,” said Anne-Marie McDermott, artistic director, Bravo! Vail. “Bravo! Vail brings together gifted artists who share the same passion for music; each musician elevates the other, creating an intensely invigorating atmosphere. The infectious chemistry between the audiences and musicians is matchless and continues to mature each year. This is truly a stunning season.”

Highlights of the 27th season of Bravo! Vail promise to be Beethoven’s Ninth with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra on June 28; a screening of the Disney classic film *Fantasia* with live orchestra accompaniment by The Philadelphia Orchestra on July 9; and Grammy Award-winning pianist Yefim Bronfman together with the New York Philharmonic on July 19. The New York Philharmonic also returns with a new take on Broadway Night with the Philharmonic on July 24 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*, and *Hans Christian Andersen*. Among the Broadway stars gracing the stage is Santino Fantana, the voice of the conniving-yet-charming Prince Hans in the Academy Award-winning Disney animated feature, "Frozen."

Highlights of Bravo! Vail's 27th Season mentioned above:

If You Go: *Jazz Guitar with John Pizzarelli – Opening Night with Dallas Symphony Orchestra*

World-renowned jazz guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli is also known as "the genial genius of the guitar." Pizzarelli opens the 2014 season with classics from the Great American Songbook, including songs by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Richard Rodgers.

What: ***Jazz Guitar with John Pizzarelli***

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

When: 6 p.m. Friday, June 27, 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.

If You Go: *Copland and Barber with violinist James Ehnes and Dallas Symphony Orchestra*

Three works. Three glorious statements of 20th Century American genius. Bernstein's frolicking *Candide* overture, Barber's tender Violin Concerto and Copland's majestic Third Symphony promise an evening of gorgeous melodies and thrilling orchestral splendor.

What: ***Copland and Barber***

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

When: 6 p.m. Monday, June 30, 2014

Cost: Tickets range from \$28 to \$108. Lawn tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.

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

If You Go: *Joshua Bell Returns – Opening Night with The Philadelphia Orchestra*

The Philadelphia Orchestra's 2014 residency begins with the much-anticipated return of the American violinist Joshua Bell. Often referred to as the "poet of the violin," Joshua Bell has earned the rare title of "classical music superstar."

What: ***Joshua Bell Returns***

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

When: 6 p.m. Saturday, July 5, 2014

Cost: Tickets range from \$28 to \$35. Lawn tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.

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

If You Go: *Disney's Fantasia – Film with Live Orchestra*

Bravo! Vail is proud to present its first-ever screening of a film, for the audience to watch with live orchestra accompaniment. *Fantasia* is a cinematic classic, presented here with a compilation of scenes from the original 1940 version and *Fantasia 2000*, include "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and "Pomp and Circumstance." The Philadelphia Orchestra recorded the original 1940 soundtrack, captivating audiences worldwide.

What: ***Disney's Fantasia – Film with Live Orchestra***

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

When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, 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.

If You Go: *Midori Plays Tchaikovsky*

The New York Philharmonic's 2014 residency begins with music director Alan Gilbert leading violinist superstar Midori playing Tchaikovsky's beloved Violin Concerto. Of her performance of this concerto, the *Baltimore Sun* said, "With a remarkable variety of tone quality and dynamics, she established the violin as the heroic, yet somehow self-effacing, center of an intense drama."

What: ***Midori Plays Tchaikovsky***
Where: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, 530 S Frontage Rd. E, Vail, CO 81657
When: 6 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2014
Cost: Tickets range from \$28 to \$129. Lawn tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.
Information: Visit bravovail.org or call the Box Office: 877.812.5700.

If You Go: *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.

What: ***Bronfman Plays Beethoven's Emperor***
Where: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, 530 S Frontage Rd. E, Vail, CO 81657
When: 6 p.m. Saturday, July 19, 2014
Cost: Tickets range from \$28 to \$135. 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 year, 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 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 www.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 www.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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