

**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE FINAL NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC
CONCERT ON FRIDAY, JULY 31**

The New York Philharmonic closes its 2015 Bravo! Vail residency on Friday, performing Mozart's majestic Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major and Shostakovich's brooding Symphony No. 10.

Vail, CO – July 28, 2015 – One simmering with the passion of a man carrying the weight of the world. One shining with the joyous promise of youth. When the world-renowned New York Philharmonic wraps up its 2015 Bravo! Vail Music Festival season this Friday, it's with a two-part program capturing and contrasting two great composers – Shostakovich and Mozart – at their most personal and revealing. Darkness and light together never sounded so intriguing – or so beautiful.

Written when he was only 23, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major presents a portrait of the artist as a young man, resentful and bristling under the heavy-handed yoke of his Salzburg employer, the Archbishop Colloredo, and responding as only a young artist can. The resulting work bursts with such energy, enthusiasm, and invention – in stark counterpoint to the subdued sensibilities expected of a court organist – that it led to Mozart's swift dismissal from his post and departure from Salzburg.

But what was Salzburg's loss proved very much classical music's gain and a piece that points to the genius emerging even at his early years and has come to be regarded as the equal of any of the later violin concertos. Bridging the traditional symphony and concerto forms, the Sinfonia Concertante takes the rare step of making room for a viola soloist to share the limelight alongside the traditional spot for solo violin and form a stunning partnership. And with the Philharmonic's Acting Concertmaster Sheryl Staples and Principal Viola Cynthia Phelps in these roles for Friday, the piece presents the perfect showcase for two artists who delight in performing together and pushing each other to greater and greater heights.

Closing out the night, New York Philharmonic Music Director Alan Gilbert leads the orchestra in Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony, a work of emotional intensity and courage unmatched in the classical canon. Listen closely to the grand gestures, soaring strings, and notes of hope and despair battling throughout, and you'll hear a cri de coeur from an artist truly at the height of his powers grappling with the terrifying realities of a turbulent world. And while the events that inspired the symphony are safely behind us, the stirring account of human striving in the face of darkness it so memorably and movingly gives us rings as true today as ever. This is one not to miss.

These two musical masterpieces are a fitting way for the New York Philharmonic to conclude its 2015 summer residency with Bravo! Vail. Tickets, ranging from \$29 - \$149,

are still available for purchase. For more information, call 877.812.5700 or visit bravovail.org.

If You Go: *Mozart & Shostakovich*

Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony is sardonic, gripping, and feisty; it is a tour de force, and is a perfect pairing with the New York Philharmonic's own dramatic and vibrant persona. Providing contrast to this piece, Mozart's sparkling and exuberant Sinfonia Concertante opens the program, featuring the Philharmonic's Acting Concertmaster Sheryl Staples and Principal Viola Cynthia Phelps.

MOZART: Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major, K. 364

SHOSTAKOVICH: Symphony No. 10 in E Minor, Op. 93

WHAT:

Mozart & Shostakovich

WHERE:

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

WHEN:

Friday, July 31, 2015, 6:00PM

COST:

Tickets range from \$29-\$149. Lawn Seats for children aged 3-12 are \$5.

INFORMATION:

Visit bravovail.org or call the Box Office at 877.812.5700

About Bravo! Vail

Hailed as one of the Top 10 "Can't Miss" Classical Music Festivals in the US by NPR (npr.com), Bravo! Vail 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 28th season July 1 through August 6, 2015. The 2015 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.

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