



BRAVO!VAIL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bravo! Vail Music Festival announces London's Academy of St Martin in the Fields and Music Director Joshua Bell will continue their special residency at the 2017 and 2018 festivals

Vail, CO (June 26, 2016): After three nights of sold-out performances and standing ovations in Bravo! Vail's inaugural residency with London's celebrated chamber orchestra Academy of St Martin in the Fields — led by violin virtuoso and Music Director Joshua Bell — Bravo! Vail Executive Director Jennifer Teisinger and Artistic Director Anne-Marie McDermott announced the residency would continue in 2017 and 2018.

"This residency with the Academy — one of the most recorded classical ensembles today — and the peerless Joshua Bell has been both an incredible artistic success and a great step forward for Bravo!, not to mention a true gift for our audiences," Teisinger said. "Continuing the residency for another two years underscores our commitment to bringing the world's very best classical artists to the Vail Valley."

"Twenty-nine years ago when Bravo! began," added Artistic Director Anne Marie McDermott, "I am sure that no one could have imagined that the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, with Joshua Bell as leader, would be a musical partner along with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic. I am thrilled that our audience has embraced a world-class chamber orchestra, and that together with the incredible Joshua Bell they have made a new musical home in Vail. Their music-making adds a fresh, vibrant, and essential artistic voice to our summer season."

"The Academy has been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support the orchestra has received during our inaugural Bravo! Vail Music Festival," said Academy Chief Executive Gabriel van Aalst. "After three fantastic concerts this year featuring our Music Director Joshua Bell and guest pianist Jeremy Denk we are delighted to be returning to the Festival at the beautiful Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater in both 2017 and 2018. The audiences of Bravo! Vail are in for a treat and we can't wait to come back to this amazing festival."

The Academy and Music Director Joshua Bell will return to Vail for three performances on June 22, 24, and 25 in 2017, and on June 21, 23, and 24 in 2018 at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater.

About Bravo! Vail

Hailed as one of the Top 10 “Can’t Miss” classical music festivals in the US by NPR, Bravo! Vail Music Festival brings world-renowned musicians to picturesque venues throughout Eagle County, Colorado for seven weeks each year, drawing music lovers from around the world. The only festival in North America to host four of the world’s finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 29th season June 23 through August 6, 2016. The 2016 season features residencies by the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, 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.

About the Academy of St Martin in the Fields

The Academy of St Martin in the Fields is one of the world’s premier chamber orchestras, renowned for its fresh, brilliant interpretations of the world’s most-loved classical music. Formed by Sir Neville Marriner in 1958 from a group of leading London musicians, the Academy gave its first performance in its namesake church in November 1959. Through its live performances and vast recording output – highlights of which include the 1969 best-seller Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons* and the soundtrack to 1985’s Oscar-winning film *Amadeus* – the Academy quickly gained an enviable international reputation for its distinctive, polished and refined sound. Today the Academy is led artistically by Music Director and virtuoso violinist Joshua Bell, retaining the collegiate spirit and flexibility of the original small, conductor-less ensemble which has become an Academy hallmark. Each year the Academy works with some of the most talented soloists and directors in the classical music scene, performing symphonic repertoire and ‘chamber music on a grand scale’ at prestigious venues throughout the world. For more information about the Academy, visit asmf.org.

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