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NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS 2013 WINTER FESTIVAL: 'AIR AND THE ATMOSPHERE'

FESTIVAL FEATURES CONCERT PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS CELEBRATING NATURAL ELEMENTS

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PRINCETON AND MORRISTOWN

JANUARY 4–6 & 25–27, 2013

NEWARK, NJ (November 21, 2012)—This January, the **New Jersey Symphony Orchestra** (NJSO) presents its **2013 Winter Festival: Air and the Atmosphere**—the third season of a multi-year odyssey spotlighting the symbolic power of natural elements that have inspired composers for centuries. The festival, which runs **January 4–6** and **25–27**, encompasses two concert programs celebrating air and the atmosphere—from the most intimate to the most infinite—in music. **Music Director Jacques Lacombe** leads each Winter Festival program. Performances will take place at four of the Orchestra's venues throughout the state of New Jersey.

The first Winter Festival program, ***The Planets***, pairs Holst's celestial work with Michael Tippett's Symphony No. 4; the latter incorporates the sound of human breathing into the music. "Tippett's symphony uses air as a musical instrument, with [the sound of] a breath throughout the piece," Lacombe says. "I have heard the piece in concert, and it is extremely moving and powerful. It's the idea of what an element could become when it is treated as a musical instrument."

In the festival's second program, **Lacombe Conducts Beethoven & Tchaikovsky**, the NJSO presents Tchaikovsky and Sibelius works inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest*; the Orchestra augments Sibelius' music with performances by actors from The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. The program also includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral." "With air, you think about wind, and with wind, you think about storms—those ideas inspired this program," Lacombe says.

Extramusical Winter Festival events, presented in collaboration with several partnering organizations, explore air-related topics. Special events include a panel discussion about air quality and Artisan & Information Fairs that will showcase displays from artisans and environmental organizations.

Winter Festival partnering organizations include The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Liberty Science Center, Newark Museum, New Jersey Sierra Club and Raritan Headwaters Association. Liberty Science Center and the Newark Museum have crafted special offers for Winter Festival ticketholders.

"To have classical music associated with the environment [creates an opportunity] to link, in an interesting way, music of the past with important issues of today's life," Lacombe says. "To bring these partner organizations into the concert hall and expose them to people who might not even know of their existence is a very rich collaboration. Orchestras need to have connections to the community, and I think that with partnerships, we are stronger. It goes back to being proud of who we are and what we have here in this state."

For more information on the Winter Festival and related events, visit www.njsymphony.org/air.

Tickets start at \$20 and are available for purchase online at www.njsymphony.org or by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476). Pre-concert events are free to ticketholders.

THE PROGRAMS

THE PLANETS

Friday, January 4 at 8 pm | NJPAC in Newark
Saturday, January 5 at 8 pm | State Theatre in New Brunswick
Sunday, January 6 at 3 pm | NJPAC in Newark

Jacques Lacombe, conductor
American Boychoir
Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, director

TIPPETT Symphony No. 4
HOLST *The Planets*

Tickets start at \$20.

RELATED EVENTS:

Classical Conversations

Friday, January 4 at 7 pm | NJPAC in Newark
Sunday, January 6 at 2 pm | NJPAC in Newark

NJSO Director of Artistic Planning Roger Wight discusses the concert program with a performer.

Information Fair & Artisan Marketplace

Jan. 4 & 6 | NJPAC in Newark

Artisans and environmental organizations will host displays in the lobby before the concert and during intermission.

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LACOMBE CONDUCTS BEETHOVEN & TCHAIKOVSKY

Friday, January 25 at 8 pm | Richardson Auditorium in Princeton
Saturday, January 26 at 8 pm | NJPAC in Newark
Sunday, January 27 at 3 pm | Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown

Jacques Lacombe, conductor
The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey
Bonnie J. Monte, artistic director

TCHAIKOVSKY *The Tempest* Fantasy-Overture
SIBELIUS *The Tempest*
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral"

Tickets start at \$20.

RELATED EVENTS:

Taking It All In: Critical Issues Surrounding Air Quality

Saturday, January 26 at 7 pm | NJPAC in Newark
Sunday, January 27 at 2 pm | Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown

Moderated by Christopher Daggett, President & CEO, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation

Join us for this revealing discussion about the quality of the air we breathe—both indoors and outdoors. Find out about the many ways in which we all can contribute to cleaner air.

Classical Conversation

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SPECIAL OFFERS FROM WINTER FESTIVAL PARTNERS:

Liberty Science Center

Throughout the month of January, check www.LSC.org for exciting space-themed activities and special events. Patrons presenting NJSO Winter Festival tickets at the Center's box office will receive 20% off exhibition tickets or combination exhibition/IMAX tickets. This offer is good for up to four tickets, valid January 2–April 30, 2013. For details, call 201.253.1310.

Newark Museum

Patrons presenting NJSO Winter Festival tickets to the Newark Museum admissions desk will receive one free Dreyfuss Planetarium ticket good for any available planetarium show that day. This special offer is valid January 1–31, 2013. Museum hours and planetarium show information are available at www.newarkmuseum.org.

For high-resolution artist photos, full bios and program notes, visit www.njsymphony.org/pressroom.

THE NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra is comprised of some of the country's finest musicians. The Orchestra is proud to have Jacques Lacombe as its Music Director. Artistic excellence, innovative programming and community engagement are hallmarks of its mission. To best serve the people of New Jersey, the orchestra brings its programs to seven outstanding venues throughout the state. Education and community engagement programs enrich the listening experience for children and adults alike. Select performances of the NJSO are broadcast regionally and throughout North America.

The 2012–13 Princeton Series is presented by Novo Nordisk.

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's major fundraising initiative—the *NJSO Comprehensive Campaign*—raised more than \$35 million in support of the Orchestra. For more information about this historic campaign, contact Nicole Kagan, Vice President of Development, at 973.735.1720.

For more information about the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, visit www.njsymphony.org or e-mail information@njsymphony.org. Tickets are available for purchase by phone 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or on the Orchestra's website.

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