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NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOSTS 'FRIDAY NIGHT OUT' LGBT EVENT

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CHAMPAGNE & DESSERT RECEPTION FOLLOWS CONCERT FEATURING STRAUSS' *DEATH AND TRANSFIGURATION* & *DON JUAN*

FRI, APR 5 AT NJPAC IN NEWARK

NEWARK, NJ (March 13, 2013)—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents **Friday Night Out**—an LGBT event—on Friday, April 5, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark. The NJSO will host a post-concert champagne and dessert reception—set to the jazz-age sounds of the Michael Arenella Trio—for ticketholders who are LGBT community members and friends.

The April 5 performance at NJPAC begins at 8 pm; a pre-concert Classical Conversation begins at 7 pm. Reservations for the post-concert reception must be made when purchasing tickets for the evening's NJSO concert, using the promotion code FRIDAYOUT.

The LGBT event follows the success of the NJSO's first Friday Night Out at NJPAC—a March 1 College Night event that brought nearly 200 students to the concert hall.

Strauss' *Don Juan* and *Tod und Verklärung* (*Death and Transfiguration*) are the centerpieces of a concert program led by highly regarded conductor **Susanna Mälkki**. The program also features Messiaen's *Les offrandes oubliées* (*The Forgotten Offerings*); pianist **Jean-Efflam Bavouzet** joins the NJSO for Debussy's *Fantasie for Piano and Orchestra*.

Of the two Strauss tone poems, Music Director Jacques Lacombe says: "*Don Juan* is a very flashy and tragic work. [When Strauss composed] *Death and Transfiguration*, he was a young man, but I find the piece to be his most moving, most sincere work. There is a sense of the spirit of his life and his ambition, but there is also something really profound that speaks to the soul."

Debussy's only piano concerto, *Fantasie for Piano and Orchestra*, features pianist Jean-Efflam Bavouzet. "Jean-Efflam and I have been friends for many years," Lacombe says. "I worked with him in Metz, France, and I have wanted to introduce him to New Jersey. He has had an amazing international career, and he is a champion of French and 20th-century music. I am excited to welcome the wonderful Susanna Mälkki to lead this program."

TICKETS

Tickets start at \$20 and are available for purchase online at www.njsymphony.org or by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476). To reserve a space for the Friday Night Out LGBT reception on April 5, use promotion code FRIDAYOUT.

For more information, visit www.njsymphony.org/lgbt.

THE PROGRAM

Don Juan

Friday, April 5 at 8 pm | NJPAC in Newark +

Susanna Mälkki, conductor
Jean-Efflam Bavouzet, piano
New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

STRAUSS	<i>Don Juan</i>
DEBUSSY	<i>Fantasie for Piano and Orchestra</i>
MESSIAEN	<i>Les offrandes oubliées (The Forgotten Offerings)</i>
STRAUSS	<i>Tod und Verklärung (Death and Transfiguration)</i>

+ *Classical Conversation begins one hour prior to the performance (free to ticketholders).*

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.

For more information about the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, visit www.njsymphony.org or email 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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