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**NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMS
SUMMER CONCERTS AT VENUES STATEWIDE
PARKS PROGRAMS FEATURE MUSIC OF SINATRA, COUNT BASIE,
JERSEY BOYS AS PART OF NJ350 CELEBRATION
NJSO PERFORMS CLASSICAL FAVORITES FROM UPCOMING SEASON
NJSO PRESENTS TRIO OF UNIQUE PROGRAMS IN PRINCETON**

NEWARK, NJ (May 6, 2014)—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra expands its annual tradition of presenting summer concerts throughout New Jersey in June and July. The NJSO performs in five outdoor park settings throughout the state in June, presenting free summer programs at Pier A Park in Hoboken, Branch Brook Park in Newark and Mercer County Park in West Windsor, in addition to appearing at two outdoor festivals—at Moorland Farms in Far Hills and Giralda Farms in Madison—and presenting a free indoor concert at bergenPAC in Englewood.

New this summer, the NJSO performs a trio of unique programs at the Richardson Auditorium in Princeton in July. The Orchestra gives the world premiere of Edward T. Cone's *Symphony* in a special lecture-performance as a capstone to the NJSO's five-year New Jersey Roots Project. In a separate program, the Orchestra premieres works by the composers of the first NJSO Edward T. Cone Composition Institute, a multi-faceted program that promotes new music and emerging composers, presented in collaboration with the Princeton University Department of Music. Additionally, the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Orchestra performs at the Golandsky Institute International Piano Festival.

FREE SUMMER PARKS PROGRAMS

The NJSO's 2014 free summer parks program honors New Jersey's rich cultural past as part of the NJ350 celebration, honoring the Garden State's 350th anniversary with a salute to Frank Sinatra, a medley of *Jersey Boys* classics and Count Basie's "One O'Clock Jump." In addition to its tradition of performing patriotic favorites, the NJSO looks ahead to the classical favorites of its 2014–15 season, performing selections from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony, Mozart's *Così fan tutte* Overture and more.

NJSO Associate Conductor Gemma New conducts the summer parks concerts, which reflect the Orchestra's commitment to bringing live symphonic music to communities throughout the state.

Concerts take place on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 19, at Pier A Park in Hoboken (7:30 pm) – Free concert
- Wednesday, June 25, at bergenPAC in Englewood (7:30 pm) – Free concert
 - bergenPAC doors will open at 6:30 for first-come, first-served seating
- Friday, June 27, at Essex County Branch Brook Park in Newark (7:30 pm) – Free concert with fireworks
- Sunday, June 29, at Mercer County Park in West Windsor (7:30 pm) – Free concert with fireworks

SUMMER IN PRINCETON

On Thursday, July 17, the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Orchestra performs at the Golandsky Institute International Piano Festival at Princeton University. Mark Laycock conducts a program of four piano concertos—internationally acclaimed Russian-born pianist Ilya Itin solos in music of Mozart and Shostakovich, Bach expert Fr. Sean Duggan plays

Bach's Keyboard Concerto and young artists of the Golandsky Institute join them for a rarely heard performance of Bach's Concerto for Four Pianos. Tickets are available at www.golandskyinstitute.org.

On Friday, July 18, the NJSO gives the world premiere of Edward T. Cone's Symphony in a special lecture-concert celebrating the legacy of composer. Music Director Jacques Lacombe and distinguished composer Steven Mackey will explore this work of the much-revered composer-teacher, illuminating the symphony with excerpts and key listening points, as well as describing Cone's impact on generations of composers that followed him.

This concert is the capstone of the NJSO's New Jersey Roots Project, a five-year survey of works written by composers who lived in or were inspired by the Garden State. Tickets are available online at www.njsymphony.org or by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476). More information about the New Jersey Roots Project is available at www.njsymphony.org/njroots.

On Saturday, July 19, the NJSO gives the world premieres of works by the composers of the NJSO Edward T. Cone Composition Institute, a multi-faceted program that promotes new music and emerging composers, presented in collaboration with the Princeton University Department of Music and generously funded in part by the Edward T. Cone Foundation. Up to four composers will participate in five days of intense compositional evaluations and consultations July 15–19 on the Princeton University campus; the program culminates in the live concert performance led by Lacombe at the Richardson Auditorium.

At the Institute, participating composers will have their work rehearsed and performed by the NJSO and will participate in master classes with Institute Director Steven Mackey, as well as receive feedback from Lacombe and NJSO musicians. The Institute will also provide career-development opportunities with music-publishing industry leaders. More information is available at www.njsymphony.org/institute.

SUMMER FESTIVALS

The NJSO performs at two outdoor festivals in June. The Orchestra returns to Moorland Farms in Far Hills on Thursday, June 5, for Broadway at Moorland—the 14th annual summer concert at the venue. Tom Wopat, Liz Callaway, Stephen Schwartz, Scott Coulter, Jessica Hendy and Kelli Rabke join the NJSO, guest conductor Gerald Steichen and musical director John Boswell for an evening of Broadway favorites. Fireworks by Grucci cap the event. Broadway at Moorland is the first partnership of NJPAC and the Far Hills Race Meeting Association; proceeds benefit NJPAC's arts education programs. Tickets are available through the NJPAC Box Office online at www.njpac.org or by phone at 1.888.GO.NJPAC (466.5722).

The NJSO performs at the Giralda Music and Arts Festival in Madison on Sunday, June 22. NJSO Associate Conductor Gemma New leads the parks program, which honors New Jersey's rich cultural past as part of the NJ350 celebration and looks ahead to the classical favorites of the NJSO's 2014–15 season. Patrons can arrive early for picnics and activities, including an art show and children's book readings and signings. Tickets are available through Morris Arts at www.morrisarts.org/events/giralda or 973.285.5115.

Full event details for the NJSO's slate of summer concerts are available at www.njsymphony.org/summer.

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NJSO SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

BROADWAY AT MOORLAND

Thursday, June 5, at 7:30 pm (gates open at 5:30 pm)

Tickets are \$40 for general-admission lawn seating or \$100 for members seating; children under 10 are admitted free with an adult (in the \$40 lawn area only). Tickets are available through the NJPAC Box Office online at www.njpac.org or by phone at 1.888.GO.NJPAC (466.5722). VIP seats and corporate packages are available through the Far Hills Race Meeting Association at 908.234.9115.

Presented by NJPAC and the Far Hills Race Meeting Association.

NJSO AT PIER A PARK IN HOBOKEN (FREE CONCERT)

Thursday, June 19, at 7:30 pm

NJSO Associate Conductor Gemma New conducts.

This event is presented by Mayor Dawn Zimmer and the City of Hoboken.

GIRALDA MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 22, at 6 pm

NJSO Associate Conductor Gemma New conducts.

Gates open at 4 pm for picnics and activities. Prizes will be awarded for the most inventive picnics; a 50/50 raffle supports Morris Arts' scholarship program. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate; children's rates are available. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.morrisarts.org/events/giralda or call 973.285.5115.

This concert is presented by Morris Arts.

NJSO AT BERGENPAC IN ENGLEWOOD (FREE CONCERT)

Wednesday, June 25, at 7:30 pm

NJSO Associate Conductor Gemma New conducts.

This is a free concert without advance ticket reservations. Doors open at 6:30; seating will be first come, first served. Patrons should arrive early for the best seats.

NJSO AT ESSEX COUNTY BRANCH BROOK PARK IN NEWARK (FREE CONCERT WITH FIREWORKS)

Friday, June 27, at 7:30 pm

NJSO Associate Conductor Gemma New conducts.

This event is presented by the County of Essex and is part of the 2014 Essex County Free Summer Music Concert Series.

NJSO AT MERCER COUNTY PARK IN WEST WINDSOR (FREE CONCERT WITH FIREWORKS)

Sunday, June 29, at 7:30 pm

NJSO Assistant Conductor Gemma New conducts.

This event is sponsored by Bloomberg.

THE SCHEIDE CONCERTO EVENING: 200 YEARS OF PIANO WITH ORCHESTRA

Presented by the Golandsky Institute International Piano Festival

Thursday, July 17, at 8 pm

Mark Laycock, conductor

Ilya Itin, piano

Fr. Sean Duggan, piano

Sakura Myers, piano

Nathan Grabow, piano

New Jersey Symphony Chamber Orchestra

BACH

Keyboard Concerto in E Major

MOZART

Piano Concerto No. 12

SHOSTAKOVICH Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and String Orchestra
BACH Concerto for Four Pianos

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at www.golandskyinstitute.org.

WORLD PREMIERE OF CONE’S SYMPHONY

Friday, July 18, at 8 pm

NJSO Music Director Jacques Lacombe conducts. Distinguished composer and Princeton University Department of Music Chair Steven Mackey joins Lacombe for a special discussion about Cone’s legacy preceding the symphony’s premiere. All tickets are \$20; seating is general admission. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.njsymphony.org or by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476).

NJSO EDWARD T. CONE COMPOSITION INSTITUTE CONCERT

Saturday, July 19, at 8 pm

NJSO Music Director Jacques Lacombe conducts.

More information is available at www.njsymphony.org/institute.

THE NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Named “a vital, artistically significant musical organization” by *The Wall Street Journal*, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra embodies that vitality through its statewide presence and critically acclaimed performances, education partnerships and unparalleled access to music and the Orchestra’s superb musicians.

Under the bold leadership of Music Director Jacques Lacombe, the NJSO presents classical, pops and family programs, as well as outdoor summer concerts and special events. Embracing its legacy as a statewide orchestra, the NJSO is the resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and regularly performs at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, Richardson Auditorium in Princeton, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown and bergenPAC in Englewood. Partnerships with New Jersey arts organizations, universities and civic organizations remain a key element of the Orchestra’s statewide identity.

In addition to its lauded artistic programming, the NJSO presents a suite of education and community engagement programs that promote meaningful, lifelong engagement with live music. Programs include the three-ensemble Greater Newark Youth Orchestras, school-time Concerts for Young People performances and multiple initiatives that provide and promote in-school instrumental instruction. The NJSO’s Resources for Education and Community Harmony (REACH) chamber music program annually brings original programs—designed and performed by NJSO musicians—to a variety of settings, reaching as many as 17,000 people in nearly all of New Jersey’s 21 counties.

For more information about the NJSO, 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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