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## TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 2014-15 SEASON



### **NJSO ACCENTS—INCLUDING #ORCHESTRAYOU, ASK A MUSICIAN, COLLEGE NIGHT, POETRY READINGS AND MORE— ENHANCE THE CONCERT EXPERIENCE**

NEWARK, NJ (August 4, 2014)—All tickets are now on sale for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's 2014-15 season, which opens on October 10 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are available online at [www.njsymphony.org](http://www.njsymphony.org) and by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476). Patrons can use the NJSO's online select-a-seat option to choose their exact seats for most of the Orchestra's classical, pops and family concerts at six concert venues throughout the state.

Tickets for most NJSO concerts start at \$20; all children's tickets for family concerts are \$10. Through the Orchestra's [Class Pass](#) program, students can purchase rush tickets for \$10 or—with the \$25 *Star-Ledger*/nj.com Class Pass Unlimited—can attend an unlimited number of concerts during the 2014-15 season. (Student rush tickets are available on the day of the concert, beginning 90 minutes before the performance, and are subject to availability.)

Season highlights include *Carmina Burana* on opening weekend; a blockbuster season finale featuring two of Beethoven's Fifts—the composer's Fifth Symphony and Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor," with Marc-André Hamelin; the first season of a two-year "Sounds of Shakespeare" Winter Festival celebrating music inspired by the Bard; a two-week residency of renowned violinist Sarah Chang; the culmination of the Orchestra's critically lauded New Jersey Roots Project; a screening of *Singin' in the Rain* with live orchestral accompaniment and more. [Read the full season announcement.](#)

## **Introducing NJSO Accents**

NJSO Accents are pre- and post-concert events that complement the concert experience and provide audience members with more opportunities to personally connect with the music and music makers. Accents include the Orchestra's signature recurring programs like Ask a Musician, through which audience members can chat with NJSO musicians during intermission, and pre-concert Classical Conversations about the program, as well as popular events like #OrchestraYou, College Night and Saturday Night Out.

The Orchestra has crafted a slate of special Accent events for the 2014–15 season. Following the success of #OrchestraYou, the Orchestra welcomes singers of all experience levels for a holiday #ChoraleYou session. New events include an opportunity for patrons to share their NJSO and personal stories, an Oktoberfest-inspired "Best of the Wurst" evening in Red Bank and much more.

### **2014–15 NJSO Accent Events:**

#### **NJSO Stories**

**Thu, Oct 30, at bergenPAC in Englewood | Sun, Nov 2, at NJPAC in Newark**

Share the story of your first NJSO concert, why the NJSO is important to you or how you got involved with the Orchestra. These 30-minute sessions will be recorded as part of the preparations for the Orchestra's 100th anniversary in 2022. There are a limited number of sessions available; advance reservations are required.

#### **Storytelling Introduction**

**Sat, Nov 1, at NJPAC in Newark**

Draw inspiration from the musical stories of *Petrouchka* and *Scheherazade*, and discover the joy of telling stories from your life. Get tips on framing and sharing your personal experiences from expert storyteller Helen Wise in this inventive and fast-paced post-concert event. Free and open to all ticketholders; advance reservations are required.

#### **College Night**

**Sat, Nov 8, at the State Theatre in New Brunswick | Fri, Feb 27, at NJPAC in Newark**

\$10 tickets for college students include the concert and a post-concert party with refreshments and live entertainment. Bus transportation will be available from select universities. For more information, visit [www.njsymphony.org/college](http://www.njsymphony.org/college).

#### **Saturday Night Out: An LGBT Event**

**Sat, Nov 29, at NJPAC in Newark**

Spend an evening with friends and enjoy the sounds of the NJSO, followed by a champagne and dessert reception for ticketholders who are LGBT community members and friends. Concert tickets purchased using promo code SATURDAYOUT include the reception; current ticketholders can add on the reception through Patron Services.

#### **#ChoraleYou**

**Sat, Dec 13, at NJPAC in Newark**

Join audience members and members of the NJSO for the first-ever #ChoraleYou—a massive "sing-in" in the lobby following the concert. Donald Morris, music director of the Newark Boys Chorus, will conduct a brief rehearsal and performance.

#### **Caroling**

**Sun, Dec 14, at the State Theatre in New Brunswick**

Arrive at the concert hall an hour before the performance and sing your favorite carols to help get you in the holiday spirit.

#### **Buffet Dinner**

**Sat, Dec 20, at the Michael T. Lake PAC in Neptune**

Join other audience members for a delicious buffet dinner in the lobby of the Michael T. Lake Performing Arts Center before the NJSO's performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The dinner—\$29.95 for adults and \$14.95 for students under 18—can be purchased through Patron Services; advance reservations are required.

### **Kwanzaa Marketplace**

**Sun, Dec 21, at NJPAC in Newark**

Shop in NJPAC's seasonal Kwanzaa Marketplace, a festive array of art, jewelry and hand-made items that are perfect for last-minute holiday gifts for your friends and family—or yourself!

### **Winter Festival Panel Discussions**

**Jan 16–18 and Jan 22–25 at venues across the state**

Explore the relationship between Shakespeare and music through in-depth discussions starting one hour before each concert. Free and open to all ticketholders.

### **#OrchestraYou**

**Fri, Mar 13, at NJPAC in Newark**

Be part of the experience everyone was talking about last season! Find your flute, tune up your trombone or dust off your double bass and join forces with conductor Jeffrey Grogan, other audience members and players from the NJSO right in the lobby of NJPAC. Advance registration for participants is required by March 6; spectators are welcome to stay and applaud this talented group. More information is available at [www.njsymphony.org/orchestrayou](http://www.njsymphony.org/orchestrayou).

### **Poetry Reading**

**Thu, Mar 19, at bergenPAC in Englewood | Sun, Mar 22, at the State Theatre in New Brunswick**

A perfect complement to an evening of Russian musical classics is a reading of Russian poetry from the Gold and Silver Age. Feed your soul with post-concert readings, in Russian and English, of stirring poetry from the likes of Pushkin, Tolstoy, Ahkmatova or Gorky. Free and open to all ticketholders; advance reservations are required.

### **The Best of the Wurst**

**Sat, Apr 25, at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank**

Experience a Czech-inspired beer garden on Count Basie Theatre's private covered patio! Enjoy live music, Czech beer and a variety of sausages and other regional favorites available for purchase. Advance reservations are required. Admission tickets for the beer garden are \$15 per person, and include one drink.

### **And throughout the season:**

- Enjoy lively **Classical Conversations** with musicians, guest artists and other NJSO insiders beginning one hour before select performances.
- Our **Ask a Musician** program lets you get to know the musicians of the NJSO personally. Meet them during intermissions of most concerts.
- **Pre-Concert Festivities**—dancing, sing-alongs or other surprises—at POPS concerts help set the tone for a rollicking good show.
- Perfect for the whole family, interactive **Pre-Concert Adventures** begin one hour before each NJSO family concert. Concertgoers can learn more about the music, participate in fun hands-on activities and meet musicians.
- **Prelude Performances** feature the young musicians of the NJSO's robust education programs or special guests in special lobby performances.
- Participate in annual **toy** and **food drives** and help the NJSO give back to our communities.

Learn more about NJSO Accents at [www.njsymphony.org/accents](http://www.njsymphony.org/accents).

*Sarah Chang's residency with the NJSO is generously sponsored by Bank of America.*

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**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 family of 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](http://www.njsymphony.org) or email [information@njsymphony.org](mailto: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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