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NEWARK, NJ—Korean pianist Seong-Jin Cho—winner of the 2015 International Chopin Piano Competition—performs Chopin's Second Piano Concerto in his New Jersey Symphony Orchestra debut, October 11–14 in Englewood, Newark and Morristown. The program also features Dvořák's Seventh Symphony and the NJSO premiere of Ligeti's *Romanian Concerto*.

Performances take place on October 11 at 7:30 pm at bergenPAC in Englewood, October 13 at 8 pm at NJPAC in Newark and October 14 at 3 pm at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

Cho says: "Chopin is one of my favorite composers. His music is so poetic, romantic and colorful. The Second Piano Concerto is [so] passionate and delicate, especially in the second movement. I'm looking forward to playing it in New Jersey."

The pianist has garnered critical acclaim. *The Washington Post* writes: "Cho appears to have the musical potential to take his place alongside the greats of the past. He has earned praise, not only for his bulletproof technique, but also for his artistic voice: his sense of drama, his natural nobility and his youthfully searching interpretations."

Dutch conductor Otto Tausk, the incoming music director of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, makes his NJSO debut at the podium.

NJSO Accent events include Classical Conversations beginning one hour before the performances on October 13 and 14.

Concert tickets start at \$20 and are available for purchase at njsymphony.org or 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476).

CONCERT PROGRAM

Seong-Jin Cho Plays Chopin

Thu, Oct 11, at 7:30 pm | bergenPAC in Englewood

Sat, Oct 13, at 8 pm | NJPAC in Newark

Sun, Oct 14, at 3 pm | Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown

Otto Tausk, conductor

Seong-Jin Cho, piano

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

LIGETI *Romanian Concerto* (NJSO Premiere)

CHOPIN Piano Concerto No. 2
DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 7

Additional concert information and artist bios are available at njsymphony.org/cho.

NJSO ACCENTS

Classical Conversation – Oct 13 at 7 pm and Oct 14 at 2 pm

Enjoy a lively Classical Conversation before the performance. Learn more about the music from NJSO musicians, guest artists and other engaging insiders.

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.

Music Director Xian Zhang—a “dynamic podium presence” *The New York Times* has praised for her “technical abilities, musicianship and maturity”—continues her acclaimed leadership of the NJSO. The Orchestra 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 State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick, Count Basie Center for the Arts 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 school-time Concerts for Young People; NJSO Youth Orchestras family of student ensembles, led by José Luis Domínguez; and El Sistema-inspired NJSO CHAMPS (Character, Achievement and Music Project). NJSO musicians annually perform original chamber music programs at community events in a variety of settings statewide through the NJSO Community Partners program.

For more information about the NJSO, visit njsymphony.org or email information@njsymphony.org. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or on the Orchestra’s website.

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