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## **NJSO family concert ‘Bravo Beethoven!’ celebrates a classical master**

**Program features selections from Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Symphonies, *Leonore Overture No. 3***

**NJSO Academy Orchestra Concertmaster Caleb Shi performs Romance No. 2**

**Interactive Pre-Concert Adventures bring families closer to the music**

**Nov 17 at NJPAC in Newark**

NEWARK, NJ—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra celebrates the music of a classical master in “Bravo Beethoven!” family concerts on November 17 at NJPAC in Newark. Audiences can sing along to the “Ode to Joy” from Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony and hear music from the Fifth and Seventh symphonies, *Leonore Overture No. 3* and more.

NJSO Academy Orchestra Concertmaster Caleb Shi performs Beethoven’s Romance No. 2. NJSO Youth Orchestras Artistic Director José Luis Domínguez conducts; Samantha Ferrara narrates and hosts.

Performances take place at 2 pm and 3:30 pm in NJPAC’s Victoria Theater. Interactive Pre-Concert Adventures begin in the lobby one hour before each performance; families can enjoy an instrument petting zoo and other hands-on activities.

Concert tickets are \$10 for children and \$20 for adults; they are available for purchase at [njsymphony.org](http://njsymphony.org) or 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476).

### **CONCERT PROGRAM**

#### **NJSO Family: Bravo Beethoven!**

Sat, Nov 17, at 2 pm and 3:30 pm | NJPAC in Newark

José Luis Domínguez, conductor  
Samantha Ferrara, narrator and host  
Caleb Shi, violin

*Program features selections from:*

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5  
BEETHOVEN Romance No. 2 in F Major  
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 7  
BEETHOVEN *Leonore Overture No. 3*  
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 9, “Choral”

Pre-Concert Adventures begin one hour before each performance. Learn more about the music and participate in fun hands-on activities during this interactive time that’s perfect for the whole family, with an instrument petting zoo and other special activities in the lobby.

*The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey presents the 2018–19 NJSO Family Series.*

Additional concert information is available at [njsymphony.org/bravobeethoven](https://njsymphony.org/bravobeethoven).

**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](https://njsymphony.org) or email [information@njsymphony.org](mailto: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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