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NJSO presents College Night on Apr 6 at State Theatre NJ in New Brunswick

Special \$10 student tickets include exclusive post-concert party

NJSO to provide free round-trip bus transportation from select colleges

Concert program features Amjad Ali Khan's *Samaagam* sarod concerto and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*

NEWARK, NJ—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra hosts College Night on April 6 at State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick. A special \$10 student ticket includes entrance to the Orchestra's 8 pm performance of Amjad Ali Khan's *Samaagam* sarod concerto and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, as well as an exclusive post-concert party.

The NJSO will provide free round-trip bus transportation to the concert venue from select New Jersey college campuses. Departure times and locations will be posted at <u>njsymphony.org/college</u> as buses become available.

The concert program, led by Xian Zhang, features Amjad Ali Khan and his sons, Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, in the NJSO premiere of Khan's concerto. Western and Indian musical streams merge in *Samaagam*, which means "confluence."

College Night student tickets are \$10 and include the concert and a post-concert party with light refreshments and a lively Q&A with musicians. Regular concert tickets start at \$20. Student tickets are available for purchase online at <u>njsymphony.org/college</u> (using promo code COLLEGENIGHT) or by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476).

More information on College Night is available at <u>njsymphony.org/college</u>.

Concert Program

Sarod & Scheherazade Sat, Apr 6, at 8 pm | State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick

Xian Zhang, conductor Amjad Ali Khan, sarod Amaan Ali Bangash, sarod Ayaan Ali Bangash, sarod New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

AMJAD ALI KHAN *Samaagam*: A Concerto for Sarod, Concertante Group and String Orchestra (NJSO Premiere) RIMSKY-KORSAKOV *Scheherazade*

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

Bank of America is concert sponsor of the April 6 performance.

<u>Class Pass</u>

The NJSO's student ticket program offers both flexibility and affordability. Students can purchase individual rush tickets for \$10. *The Star-Ledger*/nj.com Class Pass Unlimited offers access to an unlimited number of 2018–19 concerts for \$25. Tickets will be available on the day of the concert, starting 90 minutes before the performance. *One pass per valid ID; one ticket per pass.*

For more information, visit <u>njsymphony.org/classpass</u>.

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 <u>njsymphony.org</u> or email <u>information@njsymphony.org</u>. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or on the Orchestra's website.

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