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NJSO presents Grieg's Piano Concerto and Brahms' Second Symphony

Juho Pohjonen performs Grieg's concerto
Program features NJSO premiere of "Chaos" from Rebel's *Les élémens*Markus Stenz conducts

Oct 31 at bergenPAC in Englewood Nov 1 at Richardson Auditorium in Princeton Nov 2 at Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank Nov 3 at NJPAC in Newark

NEWARK, NJ—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents Grieg's Piano Concerto and Brahms' Second Symphony at four New Jersey venues, October 31—November 3. The program marks the NJSO debuts of guest conductor Markus Stenz and pianist Juho Pohjonen, as well as the NJSO premiere of "Chaos" from Rebel's *Les élémens*.

Performances take place on October 31 at 7:30 pm at bergenPAC in Englewood, November 1 at 8 pm at Richardson Auditorium in Princeton, November 2 at 8 pm at the Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank and November 3 at 3 pm at NJPAC in Newark.

Concert tickets start at \$20 and are available for purchase at <u>njsymphony.org</u> or 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476). Student tickets are \$10, available at <u>njsymphony.org/students</u> one month in advance.

NJSO Accent events include a post-concert Concert Rewind talkback with featured artists on October 31 and pre-concert Classical Conversations on November 1 at 7 pm and November 3 at 2 pm. Learn more at njsymphony.org/accents.

Learn more about the program at njsymphony.org/grieg.

CONCERT PROGRAM

Grieg's Piano Concerto

Thursday, October 31, at 7:30 pm | bergenPAC in Englewood Friday, November 1, at 8 pm | Richardson Auditorium in Princeton Saturday, November 2, at 8 pm | Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank Sunday, November 3, at 3 pm | NJPAC in Newark

MARKUS STENZ conductor JUHO POHJONEN piano

REBEL "Chaos" from *Les élémens* (NJSO Premiere) GRIEG Piano Concerto BRAHMS Symphony No. 2

NJSO ACCENTS

Concert Rewind - Oct 31 after the concert

In bergenPAC's Drapkin Cabaret & Lounge, featured artists take you inside the performance you just experienced.

Classical Conversation - Nov 1 at 7 pm & Nov 3 at 2 pm

Enjoy a lively 30-minute Classical Conversation before the performance, presented on stage. Learn more about the music from NJSO musicians, guest artists and other engaging insiders.

Learn more at njsymphony.org/grieg.

This weekend's concerts are generously sponsored by the Investors Foundation.

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 and the NJSO Youth Orchestras family of student ensembles, led by José Luis Domínguez. NJSO musicians annually perform original chamber music programs at community events in a variety of settings statewide through the NJSO Community Partners program.

Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or at njsymphony.org.

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