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New Jersey Symphony Orchestra announces *Casablanca* performance at Mayo Performing Arts Center

- NJSO to present classic film with live orchestral accompaniment in Morristown on February 11
- Performances also take place in Newark (February 12) and New Brunswick (February 13)
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NEWARK, NJ—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra announces a performance of the classic film *Casablanca* with live orchestral accompaniment at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown on February 11. The Orchestra also presents the film concert in Newark and New Brunswick as previously announced.

Critics and audiences consider the iconic 1942 romantic film *Casablanca*—starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henried—one of the greatest films of all time. Roger Ebert wrote that *Casablanca*'s climax "combines suspense, romance and comedy as they have rarely been brought together on the screen."

Performances take place February 11 at 8 pm at Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown, February 12 at 8 pm at NJPAC in Newark and February 13 at 3 pm at State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick. Tickets are available online at njsymphony.org or by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476).

Audience-favorite conductor Constantine Kitsopoulos leads the performances.

All NJSO performances follow safety measures in partnership with the venues and based on the guidance provided by the CDC and the State of New Jersey.

More information is available at njsymphony.org/casablanca.

Casablanca in Concert

Friday, February 11, at 8 pm | Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown Saturday, February 12, at 8 pm | NJPAC in Newark Sunday, February 13, at 3 pm | State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick

CONSTANTINE KITSOPOULOS conductor

State Theatre New Jersey co-presents the February 13 performance.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra connects with the people and diverse communities of New Jersey through the power of live symphonic music to inspire, entertain and educate. Internationally renowned Music Director Xian Zhang has garnered critical acclaim on the podium and has deepened the NJSO's commitment to presenting diverse voices that reflect the communities the Orchestra serves.

The NJSO embraces its legacy as a statewide orchestra through mainstage and chamber performances at venues across New Jersey, as well as partnerships with fellow Garden State arts organizations, universities and civic organizations. The Orchestra's education and community engagement programs promote meaningful, lifelong engagement with live music.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NJSO has made virtual performances and educational online programs available for free, reaching more than 10 million people across the Orchestra's digital channels. NJSO Concert Films pair world-class NJSO performances with stunning imagery of the people and cityscapes of New Jersey. The NJSO has presented innovative programs with fellow arts organizations, community ensembles and statewide partners. Musicians perform solo and chamber works from iconic New Jersey locations in NJSO Everywhere. NJSO at Home spotlights intimate at-home performances, instrument demonstrations, educational videos and hours of concert recordings.

The NJSO Youth Orchestras have not only continued virtual instruction but have introduced an entirely new dimension to the program. In 2020–21, nearly 200 students collaborated on a yearlong creative composition project—a uniquely engaging opportunity for students to explore their own musical voices and shape new works drawing from all the genres that inspire them. The project culminated in *Our Voices*, an album of 25 original compositions.

The safety of our patrons, musicians and staff is of the utmost importance to the NJSO. Please visit <u>njsymphony.org</u> for constantly updated details focused on attendees' well-being at our performances.

The Orchestra's online hub for free musical content is <u>njsymphony.org/virtual</u>.

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