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CELEBRITY SERIES OF BOSTON ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 SEASON

Highlights of the 71st season include:

- Singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega on November 6 at Sanders Theatre
- Stephen Sondheim in conversation with critic Frank Rich on November 14 at Sanders Theatre
- Berlin Philharmonic with Sir Simon Rattle, conductor on November 15 at Symphony Hall
- Mark Morris Dance Group with the Boston premiere of "Mozart Dances," January 29-31 at The Opera House
- Violinist Christian Tetzlaff gives an unaccompanied solo recital on January 31 at NEC's Jordan Hall
- Duo pianists Richard Goode and Jonathan Biss on February 7 at NEC's Jordan Hall
- Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour February 11 at the Berklee Performance Center
- Max Raabe & Palast Orchester bring "A Night in Berlin" to the new Paramount Theatre on March 6
- Black Grace Dance Company on March 12-14 at the Paramount Theatre
- Bobby McFerrin on March 21 at Symphony Hall
- Cellist Yo-Yo Ma in recital with pianist Kathryn Stott on March 26 at Symphony Hall
- Imani Winds collaborate with jazz vibraphonist Stefon Harris on April 6 at NEC's Jordan Hall
- David Sedaris April 11 at Symphony Hall
- Cellist Maya Beiser gives a recital of contemporary works on April 23 at the Paramount Theatre
- Pianist Maurizio Pollini in recital on April 25 at Symphony Hall

(Boston) The Celebrity Series of Boston announced the 2009-2010 season, its 71st year of bringing the world's greatest performing artists to Boston. **The season opens on Sunday, October 4 with mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade's Farewell Recital at Symphony Hall. The Opening Night Celebration to benefit the Walter Pierce Annual Performance Fund and the Harris A. Berman Fund for After-School Arts will follow the performance.** In total, the 2009-2010 season will include 37 music, dance, and entertainment events.

The 2009-2010 season offers 3 orchestras; 4 piano recitals; 2 vocalists and 1 vocal ensemble in recital; 3 string quartets; 2 violinists and 2 cellists in recital; 1 piano trio and wind quintet; 5 dance companies; 6 jazz and cabaret performances; 2 spoken word performances; and several popular artists. Rob Kapilow will host 2 *What Makes It Great?* programs. Celebrity Series events in the 2009-2010 season will take place in NEC's Jordan Hall, Symphony Hall, Berklee Performance Center, Sanders Theatre, Citi Wang Theatre, the newly restored Paramount Theatre, and The Opera House.

Vocalists and Vocal Ensembles

Mezzo-soprano **Frederica von Stade** opens the season on October 4th with her Farewell Recital at Symphony Hall, where she will be joined by special guest, soprano **Kiri Te Kanawa**. The media partner is WGBH 89.7. Internationally acclaimed for the precision and beauty it brings to Renaissance polyphony, jazz, and everything in between, the all-male a capella vocal ensemble **Chanticleer**

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appears in NEC's Jordan Hall on April 11 with a program titled "In the Time Of..."
Bass-baritone **Thomas Quasthoff**, one of the world's great artists, presents a recital in NEC's Jordan Hall on May 2; the media partner is WGBH 89.7.

Orchestras

The Celebrity Series orchestral season begins on November 15 when the **Berlin Philharmonic with Sir Simon Rattle, conductor**, returns to Symphony Hall with a program of Brahms and Schoenberg; sponsored by Joshua and Amy Boger. On February 25, the **Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra with Riccardo Chailly, conductor and Nelson Freire, piano soloist** in his Celebrity Series debut, brings an all-Beethoven program to Symphony Hall, sponsored by DeMoulas Foundation. The media partner is WGBH 89.7.

As a special bonus, Celebrity Series subscribers will receive a complimentary ticket offer for the **NEC Philharmonia conducted by Hugh Wolff, with cellist Narek Hakhnazaryan**. New England Conservatory's top orchestra, comprised of students poised to become the next generation of great orchestra players, performs Schumann and Shostakovich in Symphony Hall on April 7. Subscribers will receive information on the complimentary ticket offer in September.

Pianists

The first of the Aaron Richmond Recitals features the Boston debut of Argentine pianist **Ingrid Fliter** on November 1 in NEC's Jordan Hall. On January 8, **Emanuel Ax** will celebrate the bicentennials of Schumann and Chopin with a recital in NEC's Jordan Hall. **Richard Goode and Jonathan Biss** team up for a program of works for two pianos and piano four hands on February 7 in NEC's Jordan Hall; the media partner is WGBH 89.7. On April 25, internationally acclaimed pianist **Maurizio Pollini** gives an all-Chopin Symphony Hall recital; media partner is WGBH 89.7.

The Aaron Richmond Recitals

The Aaron Richmond recitals include all of the piano recitals and the recitals by violinist Christian Tetzlaff and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. These recitals are generously endowed by Nancy Richmond Winsten and Dr. Joseph Winsten in memory of Aaron Richmond, founder of the Celebrity Series.

Chamber Music

The **Emerson String Quartet** returns to Jordan Hall on December 4 for Celebrity Series' first chamber music concert of the season; WGBH 89.7 is the media partner. On February 5 in Jordan Hall, the **Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet** will make its Boston debut with a program of Mozart, Reicha, Barber, and Nielsen. **David Finckel, Wu Han, and Philip Setzer** will come together in Jordan Hall on February 21 for a program of Schubert Piano Trios; WGBH 89.7 is the media partner. The **Artemis String Quartet** will make its Boston debut with an all-Beethoven program in Jordan Hall on March 5; WGBH 89.7 is the media partner. The **St. Lawrence String Quartet** plays the Boston premiere of John Adams' "String Quartet" in Jordan Hall on April 9.

Celebrity Series Friends of Chamber Music

The six performances in the 2009-2010 Chamber Music Series are supported in part by the Celebrity Series Friends of Chamber Music, established with a generous gift from the Catherine and Paul Bittenwieser Foundation. To join the Friends of Chamber Music, please call the Celebrity Series Development Office at (617) 598-3226.

Solo Recitals

Violinist **Christian Tetzlaff** returns to Jordan Hall for an unaccompanied recital on January 31. The legendary violinist **Itzhak Perlman** presents a solo recital with pianist Rohan De Silva in Symphony Hall on March 7, sponsored by Foley & Lardner, LLP. Cellist **Yo-Yo Ma** will perform with pianist Kathryn Stott in Symphony Hall on March 26, sponsored by Parametric Technology Corporation (PTC), the

media partner is WGBH 89.7. Cellist **Maya Beiser** makes her Boston debut with her “World to Come” program of contemporary works by Arvo Pärt, Osvaldo Golijov, Steve Reich, Louis Andriessen, and David Lang, with electronic sound elements at the Paramount Theatre on April 23, sponsored by Emerson College.

The Dance Series

Celebrity Series brings 4 international dance companies, including new faces and old favorites, to Boston this season. The Dance Series begins January 29-31 at the Boston Opera house with the highly anticipated Boston premiere of *Mozart Dances* by the **Mark Morris Dance Group** with the **Orchestra of Emmanuel Music and featuring pianists Russell Sherman and Minsoo Sohn**. Following their sold out 2007-2008 debut, **Black Grace Dance Company** makes its second Boston appearance at the Paramount Theatre March 12-14, sponsored by Emerson College. **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** visits April 15-18 with 5 performances at the Citi Wang Theatre to celebrate Judith Jamison’s 20th anniversary as Artistic Director, sponsored by Tufts Health Plan. **Danish Dance Theater** follows with its Boston debut at the Paramount Theatre April 27 & 28, sponsored by Emerson College.

The 2009-2010 Dance Series is sponsored by The Little Family Foundation; the media partner is WGBH 89.7.

Jazz and Popular Song

The Celebrity Series begins its winter/spring collection of jazz and popular song concerts on January 22 in Sanders Theatre with the **Luciana Souza Trio**, featuring vocalist Souza, guitarist Romero Lubambo, and the Celebrity Series debut of percussion wizard Cyro Baptista. February 11 brings the **Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour**, featuring violinist Regina Carter, and the Celebrity Series debuts of vocalist Kurt Elling, guitarist Russell Malone, and pianist Kenny Barron and his trio, to the Berklee Performance Center; sponsored by Tufts Health Plan. The media partner for this concert is WGBH 89.7. On March 27 & 28, **Dee Dee Bridgewater** celebrates the artistry of Billie Holiday in “*To Billie, With Love* A Celebration of Lady Day” at the Paramount Theatre, sponsored by Emerson College; the media partner is 89.7. **Imani Winds collaborates with jazz vibraphonist Stefon Harris** for a program that includes the premiere of Harris’ new work, co-commissioned by Celebrity Series, at Jordan Hall on April 6. This concert is sponsored by Charlesbank Capital Partners, LLC; the media partner is WGBH 89.7. Cabaret star and Broadway leading man **Brian Stokes Mitchell** closes out the season on May 8 at Sanders Theatre.

Entertainment

Singer-songwriter **Suzanne Vega** makes her Celebrity Series debut at Sanders Theatre on November 6. Broadway legend **Stephen Sondheim** makes a rare appearance and his Celebrity Series debut with host and theater critic Frank Rich for “An Evening with Stephen Sondheim” in Sanders Theatre on November 14. One of the world’s most celebrated choirs since 1498, the **Vienna Boys Choir** present a holiday concert in Jordan Hall on December 12, sponsored by Tufts Health Plan. **Max Raabe & Palast Orchester** recreate the decadent elegance of the Weimar Republic using popular songs of the 1920s in “A Night in Berlin” for their Boston debut at the Paramount Theatre on March 6, sponsored by Emerson College. One man vocal orchestra **Bobby McFerrin** performs March 21 in Symphony Hall, sponsored by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; the media partner is WGBH 89.7. Author and radio personality **David Sedaris** reads his satirical essays at Symphony Hall on April 11.

Rob Kapilow’s *What Makes It Great?*

The 2009-2010 season of Rob Kapilow’s *What Makes It Great?* begins on November 7 with an exploration of **Mendelssohn’s Octet in E-flat Major** as performed by the Borromeo and Ariel String Quartets in Jordan Hall. On January 23, Rob dissects the work of American songwriting icon **Cole**

Porter in Jordan Hall; the media partner is WGBH 89.7. Both concerts are sponsored by Joshua and Amy Boger.

Engaging the Community

On Columbus Day, October 12, Emerson College's Performing Arts Division will give a staged reading of famed playwright Moisés Kaufman's work entitled "**The Laramie Project , 10 years Later ... An Epilogue**" with student actors and distinguished community leaders. This play is being presented in 100 communities across America on the evening of the 11th anniversary of the murder of Matthew Shepard, a 19-year-old gay college student killed in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998. The reading will be staged at the Cutler Majestic Theatre and will be free of charge and open to the public.

Celebrity Series of Boston will also partner with Berklee College of Music and New England Conservatory. In addition to presenting Hugh Wolff and the NEC Philharmonia and the Ariel String Quartet, the newest resident ensemble in New England Conservatory's prestigious Professional String Quartet Training Program, Celebrity Series will offer several master classes for NEC students with some of classical music's leading lights: bass-baritone Thomas Quasthoff, violinist Christian Tetzlaff, the Borromeo String Quartet and the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet. Celebrity Series offers two master classes at Berklee College of Music: Suzanne Vega and vibraphonist Stefon Harris.

In 2009-2010, the Celebrity Series of Boston celebrates the return to active life of one of Boston's grand theatrical treasures—the Paramount Theatre, which has been completely restored and transformed. This season, Emerson College has invited the Celebrity Series to present five engagements in the Paramount Theatre, prior to its grand opening, which is scheduled for fall 2010.

Subscription Brochures

Subscription brochures describing the entire 2009-2010 Celebrity Series of Boston season, complete with ticket order forms, will be mailed the week of April 20 to current Celebrity Series subscribers and single ticket buyers. Persons who wish to receive a copy of the new brochures should call (617) 482-2595 or write to Celebrity Series of Boston, 20 Park Plaza, Suite 1032, Boston, MA 02116. Visit the Celebrity Series of Boston website, www.celebrityseries.org, for more information. Online subscriptions will be available beginning at 12:01am on April 24.

Note: Individual tickets at regular box office prices go on sale Monday September 14, 2009.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance, and the performing arts from around the world. Founded in 1938, the Series incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 1989. Each year, the Celebrity Series brings to Boston's major concert halls performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, symphony orchestras, chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz and popular music performers, folk and ethnic performance groups, and other performing artists. The Celebrity Series' Arts, Education and Community program was initiated in 1984. The program reaches thousands of students annually in Boston area schools and communities. The program includes the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, a six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students, and ACT 2, an after-school initiative for former participants of AileyCamp Boston. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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