

Dallas Symphony Orchestra Announces 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series Season

*Jaap van Zweden's sixth season as Music Director
features season-ending Beethoven Festival*

Highlights:

- 2013 Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala with Jaap van Zweden and Grammy[®] Award-winning American soprano Renée Fleming
- Memorial concert with DSO commissioned piece honoring President John F. Kennedy
- Three-week Beethoven Festival featuring orchestral and chamber performances, talks, films in the Dallas Arts District
- Popular familiar works: Ravel's *Bolero*, Stravinsky's *The Firebird*, Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony, Dvořák's *New World* Symphony
- Major choral works: Verdi's Requiem, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Dvořák's *Te Deum*
- Renowned guest soloists: Joshua Bell, Hélène Grimaud, Matthias Goerne, Arabella Steinbacher, Louis Lortie, Yefim Bronfman
- Return of Music Director Emeritus Andrew Litton

Dallas, TX (January 28, 2013) – The Dallas Symphony Orchestra (DSO) announced today its 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series season, the orchestra's sixth season under Music Director Jaap van Zweden.

The 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series season at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center will begin Sept. 19-22, 2013 with Jaap van Zweden conducting Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. It will conclude May 15-18, 2014 with Maestro van Zweden leading Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

The Dallas Symphony's 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series will feature popular and important orchestral pieces such as Ravel's *Bolero* and Mahler's Fourth Symphony. Performances of works by Benjamin Britten – the *Sinfonia da Requiem* (Nov. 14-17, 2013) and Suite on English Folk Tunes (Jan. 23-26, 2014) - honor the centennial of the composer's birth. Familiar composers such as Brahms, Dvořák, Ravel and Mozart well represented throughout the year.

A highlight of the 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series will be a three-week Beethoven Festival conducted by Maestro van Zweden, featuring performances of the Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Symphonies; stirring instrumental concerti including the *Emperor* Concerto with acclaimed piano soloist Yefim Bronfman; chamber music performed by DSO principal musicians and special guests at City Performance Hall, and related activities and events such as talks, movies, food and beverages.

Interesting musical rarities to be performed during the 2013-2014 season include *Fairy Tale* by Czech composer Josef Suk (Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2013); *Murder of a Great Chief of State* by Milhaud, composed in the aftermath of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 (Nov. 21-24, 2013); and *The Water Goblin*, a tone poem by Dvořák (March 27-30, 2014).

The 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series season will last 16 weeks and include 62 classical music performances. Music Director Jaap van Zweden will conduct 12 of those weekends. Joshua Habermann will return for his third season as Director of the Dallas Symphony Chorus.

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2013 Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala – Sept. 28, 2013

Tickets are now on sale for the 2013 Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala to take place on Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Meyerson Symphony Center, featuring international soprano superstar Renée Fleming, Music Director Jaap van Zweden and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

“We are excited to welcome Ms. Fleming to Dallas to perform with Jaap van Zweden and the DSO,” says President and CEO Jonathan Martin. “Her incomparable artistry, elegance and universal appeal will make the 2013 Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala a special evening all will long remember.”

One of the most beloved and celebrated musical ambassadors of our time, three-time Grammy Award winner Renée Fleming captivates audiences with her sumptuous voice, consummate artistry, and compelling stage presence.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala is the DSO's largest single fundraising event. The black-tie evening includes a champagne reception, a seated dinner, the Dallas Symphony concert with Renée Fleming and the famed late-night Gala After-Party.

Concert/After-Party only tickets to the 2013 Dallas Symphony Orchestra AT&T Gala are \$150-\$500. Tickets to the full Gala start at \$1,250. Tables start at \$10,000. For tickets, visit DallasSymphony.com/Gala or call 214.692.0203. For more information, contact DSO-Gala@DalSym.com or call 214.871.4045.

President John F. Kennedy Memorial Concert – Nov. 21-24, 2013

Jaap van Zweden and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will honor President John F. Kennedy in special memorial concerts Nov. 21-24, 2013 at the Meyerson Symphony Center, part of city-wide commemorations of the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination. The program will include world premiere performances of the *The World is Very Different Now*, a special DSO commission by young American composer Conrad Tao.

Tao will bring new musical perspectives to the shock and tragedy of Kennedy's assassination on Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas. *The World is Very Different Now* hopes to inspire fresh insights into the on-going historical and social implications that reverberate from that dark day.

The program for the **President John F. Kennedy Memorial Concert** on Nov. 21-24, 2013 at the Meyerson Symphony Center is:

Jaap van Zweden, conductor
Joshua Bell, violin
Dallas Symphony Orchestra

CONRAD TAO: *The World Is Very Different Now*
(DSO Commission in Memory of John F. Kennedy)

SIBELIUS: Violin Concerto

MILHAUD: *Murder of a Great Chief of State*

BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 3, *Eroica*

NOTE: Friday, Nov. 22, 2013 marks 50 years to the day of the Kennedy assassination.

Beethoven Festival

The final three concerts of the 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series will be included in the Beethoven Festival. Conducted by Jaap van Zweden, the Beethoven Festival features performances of Beethoven's iconic Fifth Symphony (May 15-18, 2014); stirring Seventh Symphony (May 8-11, 2014) and revolutionary Ninth Symphony with its stirring finale *Ode to Joy* (May 1-3, 5, 2014). Acclaimed soloists include Yefim Bronfman playing Beethoven's *Emperor* Concerto (May 8-11, 2014; DSO Concertmaster and Co-Concertmaster sharing the composer's Two Romances (May 1-3, 5, 2014), and Alisa Weilerstein, cello, and Martin Helmchen, piano, joining Concertmaster Alexander Kerr performing Beethoven's Triple Concerto (May 15-18, 2014).

Five chamber music concerts (April 28-May 17, 2014) will take place at City Performance Hall in the Dallas Arts District, and include the Beethoven's complete 10 Violin Sonatas performed by Dallas Symphony Concertmaster Alexander Kerr, Co-Concertmaster Nathan Olson, and special guest Chee-Yun, with piano collaborations by Alessio Bax and Martin Helmchen. Piano trio performances add DSO Principal Cellist Christopher Adkins and Weilerstein for Haydn's Piano Trio No. 39, *Gypsy* (April 28, 2014), Schubert's Notturmo in E-flat major (May 6, 2014), and Beethoven's *Archduke Trio* (May 17, 2014). (NOTE: Tickets to Chamber Music performances are available as add-on purchases to the 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series subscriptions.)

In addition to stirring symphonic, instrumental concerti, and chamber music performances, the Beethoven Festival will feature related activities and fun events such as talks, movies, food and beverages. Utilizing the Meyerson Symphony Center and other venues around the Arts District, the Beethoven Festival will build a District-wide energy that showcases the staggering body of music Beethoven left to us, and lays the groundwork for a spring festival tradition that can become international in scope.

DSO 2013-2014 Guest Conductors and Soloists

Guest Conductors

- Andrew Litton, Music Director Emeritus (Oct. 17-20, 2013)
- Tomáš Netopil† (Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2013)
- Jakub Hrůša (March 27-30, 2014)
- Ottavio Dantone† (April 3-6, 2014)

Piano

- Alessio Bax (Sept. 26-27, 29, 2013)
- Hélène Grimaud (Jan. 16-18, 2014)
- Louis Lortie (Feb. 27-March 2, 2014)
- Anna Fedorova† (March 20-22, 2014)
- Jan Lisiecki† (March 27-30, 2014)
- Yefim Bronfman (May 8-11, 2014)
- Martin Helmchen† (May 15-18, 2014)

Violin

- Karen Gomyo (Oct. 17-20, 2013)
- Arabella Steinbacher† (Nov. 14-17, 2013)
- Joshua Bell (Nov. 21-24, 2013)
- Alexander Kerr (May 1-3, 5, 2014)
- Nathan Olson (May 1-3, 5, 2014)

Cello

- Alisa Weilerstein (May 15-18, 2014)

Singers

- Annalisa Stroppa,† mezzo-soprano (Sept. 19-22, 2013)
- Chen Reiss,† soprano (Sept. 26-27, 29)
- Renée Fleming, soprano (DSO AT&T Gala, Sept. 28, 2013)
- Twyla Robinson, soprano (Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2013)
- Weston Hurt, baritone (Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2013)
- Matthias Goerne, baritone (Jan. 23-26, 2014)
- Hui He,† soprano (Feb. 20-23, 2014)
- Marianne Cornetti,† mezzo-soprano (Feb. 20-23, 2014)
- David Lomelí,† tenor (Feb. 20-23, 2014)
- Orlin Anastassov,† bass (Feb. 20-23, 2014)
- Pretty Yende,† soprano (May 1-3, 5, 2014)
- Kate Aldrich, mezzo-soprano (May 1-3, 5, 2014)
- Frank Lopardo, tenor (May 1-3, 5, 2014)
- Oren Gradus, bass (May 1-3, 5, 2014)

DSO Principal Musicians

- Alexander Kerr (May 1-3, 5, 2014)
- Nathan Olson (May 1-3, 5, 2014)

† DSO debut

Subscription Information

Several different subscription packages are available for the DSO's 2013-2014 Texas Instruments Classical Series.

All subscriptions will be available for sale to the general public Feb. 8, 2013. For more information and to purchase or renew subscriptions, please call 214.692.0203 or visit www.dallassymphony.com/Subscriptions.

Single tickets will go on sale in August, 2013.

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