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## **CELEBRITY SERIES OF BOSTON ANNOUNCES 2010-2011 SEASON**

Highlights of the 72<sup>st</sup> season include:

- World premiere of work by Mark Morris, commissioned by Celebrity Series of Boston, performed by Mark Morris Dance Group, October 14-17 at the Cutler Majestic Theater
- Chucho Valdés and The Afro-Cuban Messengers on October 28 at the Berklee Performance Center
- Liza Minnelli in Concert at Symphony Hall, November 7
- Master puppeteer Basil Twist's *Petrushka*, November 11-21 at The Paramount Theatre
- Soprano Christine Brewer at NEC's Jordan Hall, January 15
- Violinist Joshua Bell on February 4 at Symphony Hall
- Emerson String Quartet with Sir James Galway, flute, on March 11 at NEC's Jordan Hall
- Guitarist John Williams at NEC's Jordan Hall on March 25
- Beijing Dance/LTDX at the Tsai Performance Center, April 1 & 2
- Pianist Leif Ove Andsnes in a recital at NEC's Jordan Hall, April 1
- St. Petersburg Philharmonic conducted by Yuri Temirkanov with cello soloist Alisa Weilerstein at Symphony Hall, April 10
- Italy's interactive theater company, Campagna TPO, bring their multimedia children's show *Farfalle*, to Black Box Theatre, the Paramount Center May 10-15

(Boston) The Celebrity Series of Boston today announced the 2010-2011 season, its 72<sup>nd</sup> year of bringing the world's greatest performing artists to Boston. **The season opens on Thursday, October 14, 2010 with the Mark Morris Dance Group in a program featuring a world premiere work commissioned by the Celebrity Series of Boston in honor of Martha H. Jones' 25-year anniversary with the organization.** The Opening Night Celebration will precede the October 14 performance, proceeds to benefit the Walter Pierce Annual Performance Fund and the Harris A. Berman Fund for After-School Arts. In total, the 2010-2011 season will include 41 music, dance, and entertainment events.

The 2010-2011 season offers 3 orchestras; 5 piano recitals; 4 vocalists and 1 vocal ensemble in recital; 4 string quartets; 2 violinists and 1 guitarist in recital; 7 dance companies; 8 jazz and cabaret performances; 1 spoken word performance; and several popular artists. Rob Kapilow will host 2 *What Makes It Great?*<sup>®</sup> programs. Celebrity Series events in the 2010-2011 season will take place in NEC's Jordan Hall, Symphony Hall, Berklee Performance Center, Sanders Theatre, Tsai Performance Center, Cutler Majestic Theatre, the Paramount Theatre, the Black Box Theatre at the Paramount Center, and Boston's Opera House.

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### Vocalists

The 2010-2011 season features four vocalists. On January 15, 2011 soprano **Christine Brewer** makes her Celebrity Series debut with a recital at NEC's Jordan Hall. On February 13, Rob Kapilow brings his **What Makes It Great?**<sup>®</sup> program to NEC's Jordan Hall for a look at **excerpts from Mozart's Don Giovanni**; sponsored by Joshua and Amy Boger. Baritone **Dmitri Hvorostovsky** comes to Symphony Hall for a recital on February 27. Winner of The Metropolitan Opera's 2008 Beverly Sills Artist Award, tenor **Matthew Polenzani** makes his Celebrity Series debut on March 24 at NEC's Jordan Hall. Soprano **Dawn Upshaw** rounds out the vocal series on April 29 with a recital at NEC's Jordan Hall.

### Celebrity Series Friends of Vocal Music

The 5 vocal performances in the 2010-2011 season are supported in part by the Celebrity Series Friends of Vocal Music.

### Orchestras

Celebrity Series presents the first orchestra in the season, **Kremerata Baltica, with Latvian violinist Gidon Kremer**, in its Celebrity Series debut, on November 12 at NEC's Jordan Hall; media partner is WGBH 99.5 All Classical. Early music ensemble **Akademie für Alte Musik Berlin** appears at NEC's Jordan Hall on March 12 for a program titled "The Best of German Baroque;" presented in association with Boston Early Music Festival. The **St. Petersburg Philharmonic**, conducted by **Yuri Temirkanov** with cello soloist **Alisa Weilerstein** performs in Symphony Hall on April 30; sponsored by DeMoulas Foundation, media partner is WGBH 99.5 All Classical.

### Pianists

The Aaron Richmond Recital series begins with **Murray Perahia** at Symphony Hall on November 14. On December 3, the Celebrity Series welcomes 2009 Van Cliburn Gold Medalist **Haochen Zhang** in recital at NEC's Jordan Hall. Russian pianist **Evgeny Kissin** performs at Symphony Hall on March 2, and **Leif Ove Andsnes** returns to the Series for a solo piano recital on April 1 at NEC's Jordan Hall. Pianist **Dubravka Tomsic** will give a recital on April 15 at NEC's Jordan Hall. The media partner for the Murray Perahia, Evgeny Kissin, and Leif Ove Andsnes recitals is WGBH 99.5 All Classical.

**The Aaron Richmond Recitals** include all of the piano recitals and the concerts by violinist Pinchas Zukerman and pianist Yefim Bronfman and guitarist John Williams. These recitals are generously endowed by Nancy Richmond Winsten and the late Dr. Joseph Winsten in memory of Aaron Richmond, founder of the Celebrity Series.

### Solo Recitals

**Pinchas Zuckerman** performs on violin and viola in a recital with pianist **Yefim Bronfman** on November 21 at Symphony Hall; an Aaron Richmond Recital. Violin virtuoso **Joshua Bell** comes to Symphony Hall on February 14; sponsored by Parametric Technology Corporation; media partner is WGBH 99.5 All Classical. Acclaimed guitarist **John Williams** presents a recital at NEC's Jordan Hall on March 25; an Aaron Richmond Recital; media partner is WGBH 99.5.

### Chamber Music

The chamber music season begins on November 7, 2010 when **Rob Kapilow** and **The Claremont Trio** explore **Beethoven's Trio in B-flat Major, Opus 97, "Archduke Trio"** at NEC's Jordan Hall as part of **What Makes It Great?**<sup>®</sup>; sponsored by Joshua and Amy Boger. On November 19 at NEC's Jordan Hall the **Tokyo String Quartet with cellist Lynn Harrell** will perform a program including Schubert's String Quintet in C Major, D. 956. On January 28, 2011 **Philharmonia Quartett Berlin** make their long-awaited Boston debut at NEC's Jordan Hall; media partner is WGBH 99.5; and the **Takács Quartet** performs at NEC's Jordan Hall on February 18. In the first chamber music concert of the spring, the

**Emerson Quartet with flutist Sir James Galway** will perform a program featuring music by Mozart and Arthur Foote on March 11 at NEC's Jordan Hall. Celebrity Series subscribers will receive a complimentary ticket offer to the **Parker String Quartet's Haydn Live! Project** on November 22 at NEC's Jordan Hall.

### **Celebrity Series Friends of Chamber Music**

The chamber music performances in the 2010-2011 season are supported in part by the Celebrity Series Friends of Chamber Music, established with a generous gift from the Catherine and Paul Buttenwieser Foundation.

### **Dance Series**

**Mark Morris Dance Group** opens the season October 14-17 at the Cutler Majestic Theatre with a program including a world premiere commission by the Celebrity Series of Boston in honor of Martha H. Jones' 25-year anniversary with the organization; the engagement is sponsored by Tufts Health Plan. **Pilobolus** comes to the Cutler Majestic Theatre for a 3-show engagement December 3-5; the engagement is sponsored by Tufts Health Plan. On January 22, 2011 the Brazilian folk dance company **Balé Folclórico da Bahia** make their Celebrity Series debut at Boston's Opera House, and tap dance wiz **Savion Glover** follows with his latest show, "**SoLo in TiMe**," at Boston's Opera House on January 29; both performances are co-presented with World Music/CrashArts. **The Aspen Santa Fe Ballet** comes to the Tsai Performance Center on March 4 and 5; sponsored by Charlesbank Capital Partners LLC. China's **Beijing Dance/LDTX** make their Boston debut with two performances at the Tsai Performance Center on April 1 and 2. **Complexions Contemporary Ballet** returns to the Celebrity Series with an engagement at the Cutler Majestic Theatre May 20-22; co-presented with World Music.

### **Celebrity Series Friends of Dance**

The 7 performances in the 2010-2011 Dance Series are sponsored by The Little Family Foundation, with additional support from the Celebrity Series Friends of Dance. Media partner for the Dance Series is WGBH.

### **Jazz and Popular Song**

Multi-Grammy Award-winning pianist **Chucho Valdés with The Afro-Cuban Messengers** take the stage at the Berklee Performance Center on October 28, 2010; co-presented with Berklee College of Music, media partner is WGBH 89.7. Renowned vocalist and Oscar-winning actress **Liza Minnelli** will give a concert at Symphony Hall on November 7. On January 21, 2011 Tony nominated sisters **Liz and Ann Hampton Callaway** present "**Boom!**" a celebration of music from the '60s and '70s in Harvard University's Sanders Theatre in Cambridge. Jazz vocalist **Tierney Sutton** and her band makes their Celebrity Series debut on February 11, also at Sanders Theatre. Bluegrass and jazz performers **the Del McCoury Band and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band** bring a unique, cross-genre performance to Symphony Hall on March 19 and on April 3, **Patti Lupone** brings a 10-piece band to Symphony Hall for her "**The Gypsy in My Soul**" program; sponsored by Foley & Lardner, LLP.

### **Theatre**

Master puppeteer and Guggenheim Fellow **Basil Twist** makes his Boston debut with an engagement of **Petrushka**, November 11-21 at the Paramount Theatre; co-presented by Emerson College, sponsored by Joshua and Amy Boger. January 30, the **Golden Dragon Acrobats** return with a performance in Symphony Hall. The **KODO Drummers** also return for a performance at Symphony Hall on March 13, sponsored by Tufts Health Plan. The interactive Italian theatre company **Compagnia TPO** (Teatro di Piazza o d'Occasione) bring their multi-media children's program, **Farfalle (Butterflies)** to the Black Box Theatre, Paramount Center May 10-15; co-presented by Emerson College.

### **Entertainment**

**Ira Glass**, host of NPR's *This American Life* brings his "**Radio Stories and Other Stories**" program to Harvard University's Sanders Theatre on February 5; presented in association with WGBH 89.7. A cappella vocal ensemble **Sweet Honey In the Rock** bring their varied repertoire to Symphony Hall on May 6.

### **The Opening Night Celebration**

The Opening Night Celebration will take place at the W Hotel at 100 Stuart Street preceding the October 14 performance by the Mark Morris Dance Group; proceeds will benefit the Walter Pierce Annual Performance Fund and the Harris A. Berman Fund for After-School Arts. The Opening Night Celebration is sponsored by Tufts Health Plan.

### **Subscription Sales**

**Subscription sales, both online and by mail, will begin on April 30, 2010.** Online subscriptions will be available beginning at 12:01am on April 30 at [www.celebrityseries.org](http://www.celebrityseries.org). Subscription brochures with ticket order forms, will be mailed the week of April 26 to current Celebrity Series of Boston subscribers. 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](http://www.celebrityseries.org), for more information.

### **About Celebrity Series of Boston**

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance, and the performing arts from around the world. Now approaching its 72<sup>st</sup> season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls, reaching an audience of some 100,000 each year. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at [www.celebrityseries.org](http://www.celebrityseries.org).

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