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Teddy Abrams + Bob Bernhardt announce The Louisville Orchestra 2017-2018 CLASSICS + POPS + COFFEE Series

The Louisville Orchestra Celebrates its 80th Anniversary with 2017 Musical America's Artist of the Year- Yuja Wang performing Rachmaninoff; World Premiere of Teddy's tribute to Muhammad Ali, THE GREATEST; LO Concertmaster, Gabriel Lefkowitz, plays Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto; 6-concert Party Pack including The B-52s and the Mambo Kings on the LO Pops!; A spectacular presentation of the *The Planets* with HD video.

Louisville, KY (February 27, 2017) Teddy Abrams and YOUR Louisville Orchestra have announced their season for the 2017-2018 Classics Series, LO Pops Series, and Coffee Series. Renewing subscribers can sign up now to maintain or upgrade their seating preferences. New subscribers will be prioritized by the date the orders are received, so the early birds will get the better seats! Same seat and upgrade request deadline is April 7, and seats will be assigned in June and July. Single tickets will go on sale in July 2017.

Subscribe by calling the Louisville Orchestra office at 502.587.8681, online at LouisvilleOrchestra.org, or in person at 323 West Broadway Suite 700.

2017-2018 CLASSICS SERIES

Teddy Abrams, Music Director

Saturdays at 8PM | Kentucky Center

Presented by Brown-Forman Corp.

CLASSICS 10 – MUSIC LOVER SERIES

10 concert package Level 1 (Box): \$645 | Level 2: \$455 | Level 3: \$325 | Level 4: \$235 | Level 5: \$220

CLASSICS 5 – SEEKING **A**DVENTURE OR **B**ALANCE?

A 5 concerts: Yuja Wang, The Greatest, War + Peace, Kentucky Classics, Beethoven Piano Concerto

B 5 concerts: Why Beethoven?, Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, The Planets, Play, The Rite of Spring

5-concert package A or B Level 1 (Box): \$340 | Level 2: \$240 | Level 3: \$180 | Level 4: \$135 | Level 5: \$120

YUJA WANG PLAYS RACHMANINOFF (A) | 23 SEP 2017

Sergei Rachmaninoff: [Concerto for Piano + Orchestra No. 4](#)

Pyotr Tchaikovsky: [Symphony No. 5](#)

[Yuja Wang](#), piano | Teddy Abrams, conductor

A towering work requiring Yuja Wang's gigantic mastery of the piano and an outpouring of emotions from intimate to epic.

WHY BEETHOVEN? (B) | 14 OCT 2017

Ludwig van Beethoven: [Symphony No. 7](#)

Teddy Abrams, conductor

An All-Beethoven concert exploring the mind and heart of a composer whose influence still resounds today.

THE GREATEST: MUHAMMAD ALI (A) | 4 NOV 2017

Teddy Abrams: *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* [WORLD PREMIERE]

[Jecorey Arthur](#), soloist | Teddy Abrams, conductor

A musical celebration and tribute to the extraordinary life + impact of a legendary athlete and humanitarian.

Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. **TCHAIKOVSKY VIOLIN CONCERTO (B) | 13 JAN 2018**

[Steven Mackey](#): [Urban Ocean](#)

Jean Sibelius: [Symphony No. 7](#) (in one movement)

Pyotr Tchaikovsky: [Concerto for Violin + Orchestra](#)

[Gabriel Lefkowitz](#), violin | [Jayce Ogren](#), conductor

WAR + PEACE (A) | 3 FEB 2018

Samuel Barber: [Adagio for Strings](#)

Maurice Ravel: [La Valse](#)

Sebastian Chang: New Work [WORLD PREMIERE]

Ralph Vaughn Williams: [Dona Nobis Pacem](#), Mvt. 2 "Beat! Beat! Drums!"

Claudio Monteverdi: [Madrigals of War and Love](#) (selections)

Gustav Mahler: "Revelge" from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*

Charles Ives: [They Are There](#)

Avo Pärt: [Summa](#)

Kurt Weill: [The Ballad of the Soldier's Wife](#) (*Und was bekam des Soldaten Weib*)

Arnold Schoenberg: [A Survivor from Warsaw](#)

Sergei Prokofiev: Waltz from *War + Peace*

Teddy Abrams, conductor

THE PLANETS: An HD Odyssey (B) | 24 FEB 2018

Gustav Holst: *The Planets*

Thomas Wilkins, conductor

A breathtaking HD video presentation of images of space from NASA rovers and satellites with computer driven graphics that bring the awe-inspiring music a new, mind-boggling dimension.

KENTUCKY CLASSICS: Festival of American Music 1 (A) | 24 MAR 2018

Aaron Copland: Four Dance Episodes from *Rodeo*

Michael Cleveland, fiddle | I'm with Her, trio | Teddy Abrams, conductor

Celebrating Americana roots including music about Kentucky and featuring Kentucky-based composers and performers.

PLAY: Festival of American Music 2 (B) | 7 APR 2018

Mason Bates: *Anthology of Fantastic Zoology*

Andrew Norman: *Play*

Teddy Abrams, conductor

Andrew Norman's *Play*, the 2017 Grawemeyer competition winner, is being talked about as the most important new work of our time.

BEETHOVEN PIANO CONCERTO (A) | 28 APR 2018

Ludwig van Beethoven: Concerto for Piano + Orchestra No. 4

Robert Schumann: Symphony No. 3 ("Rhenish")

Andrew Hsu, piano | Courtney Lewis, conductor

Two selections from the bedrock of the Romantic era of classical music.

THE RITE OF SPRING (B) | 12 MAY 2018

Richard Strauss: *Also sprach Zarathustra*

Igor Stravinsky: *The Rite of Spring*

Teddy Abrams, conductor

Ripping out all the stops for a powerful season finale!

2017-2018 LO POPS SERIES – IT'S A PARTY!

Bob Bernhardt, Principal Pops Conductor

8PM | Kentucky Center

Presented by LG&E

Level 1 (Box): \$395 | Level 2: \$353 | Level 3: \$275 | Level 4: \$197 | Level 5: \$137

SGT. PEPPER at the LO POPS | SAT 16 SEP 2017

CLASSICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Jim Owen, guitar | Tyson Kelly, guitar | David John, bass guitar | Chris Camilleri, drums | Bob Bernhardt, conductor

A groundbreaking album in 1967, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* celebrates 50 years of musical influence. Classical Mystery Tour pays tribute to The Beatles and this legendary album.

THE B-52s at the LO POPS | SAT 21 OCT 2017

Fred Schneider | Kate Pierson | Cindy Wilson | Bob Bernhardt, conductor

The World's Greatest Party Band! Rocking for nearly 40 years, The B-52s are a beloved and enduring band. From "Rock Lobster" and "Dance This Mess Around" to chart-topping hits like "Love Shack" and "Deadbeat Club," The

B-52s get the party started every time.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS | SAT 25 NOV 2017

Lisa Vroman + Doug LaBrecque

Bob Bernhardt, conductor

Two thrilling talents from Broadway light up our stage for the holidays! Celebrate with musical favorites of Christmas and the season.

MAMBO KINGS at the LO POPS | SAT 20 JAN 2018

Richard Delaney, piano | Freddy Colon, drums | John Vivavattine, woodwinds | Hector Diaz, bass | Tony Padilla, congas | Bob Bernhardt, conductor

We add some heat to the LO Pops with the electrifying Latin jazz combo, the Mambo Kings -- known for their explosive blend of Afro Cuban rhythms and jazz improvisation.

MICHAEL CLEVELAND + FLAMEKEEPER at the LO POPS | SAT 10 MAR 2018

Teddy Abrams, conductor

One of the most important fiddle players of our time, Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper make their debut with orchestra. A night of unbridled fun!

THE MUSIC OF PRINCE at the LO POPS | FRI 20 APR 2018

Marshall Charloff, soloist | Brent Havens, conductor

Plan to PARTY at the Pops on the day before Thunder in 2018 in a night honoring The Purple One. We perform smash hits, including "Little Red Corvette," "Purple Rain," "Raspberry Beret," and "When Doves Cry."

2017-18 COFFEE SERIES

Teddy Abrams, Music Director | **FRIDAYS at 11AM** | **Kentucky Center**

OUR MOST AFFORDABLE CONCERT SERIES! These 70-minute concerts are presented with no intermission and complimentary coffee served by Heine Brothers. LO Concert Talks are presented at 10AM in Whitney Hall.

Level 1 (Box): \$285 | Level 2: \$208 | Level 3: \$180 | Level 4: \$131 | Level 5: \$110

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Tickets are still available for the remainder of the Louisville Orchestra 2016-17 Season by calling 502-584-7777 or visiting LouisvilleOrchestra.org

Sacred + Profane - FRI 10 MAR + SAT 11 MAR || Heroes + Villains – SAT 18 MAR || Music Without Borders – MAR 22 – 24 || Time For Three – SAT 25 MAR || Walton + Britten – FRI 31 MAR + SAT 1 APR || Ben Folds – FRI 14 APR || Festival of American Music 1: Celebration of MTT – SAT 15 APR || Music Without Borders: American Composers – APR 20 + 21 || Festival of American Music: American Journey – FRI 28 APR + SAT 29 APR

The Louisville Orchestra's mission is to change lives throughout our entire community as only the Louisville Orchestra can – by promoting a culture of music through outstanding performances + education.

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