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## SEPTEMBER CONCERTS at the LOUISVILLE ORCHESTRA

### Two free events ■ Pops ■ Coffee Concert ■ Signature Classics

(Louisville, KY ... August 20, 2019) The Louisville Orchestra announces a schedule of five concerts performed by the LO. Two free concerts open the season on Friday and Saturday, September 6 & 7. The opening night Pops Series features music and film from blockbuster Hollywood movies on Saturday, September 21. The opening matinee Coffee Concert features music with fascinating connections to Louisville on Friday, September 27. The opening Signature Classics concert celebrates young and talented acclaimed performers who are influential in the realm of symphonic music – performing on Saturday, September 28.

#### **The Louisville Influence**

Starting in 1948, the Louisville Orchestra set the symphonic world sideways by putting the spotlight on living composers rather than on guest artists. The LO, under the guidance of conductor Robert Whitney, commissioned new works by hundreds of composers and the result is a body of work that only exists because of the Louisville Orchestra. Teddy Abrams has chosen to perform several of those works on the opening programs. In addition, the Louisville Orchestra continues to be committed to performing and commissioning music of contemporary composers.

#### **Two Free Concerts**

On Friday, September 6 at 7:45pm, the Louisville Orchestra performs at CityPlace in Lagrange, KY. This free concert is conducted by LO Music Director **Teddy Abrams** and features music of Jesse Montgomery (*Strum*), Ben Sollee (*Whole Lot To Give*), Jeremy Kittel (*Pando*), Teddy Abrams (*Kentucky Royal Fanfare*), John Williams (Main Title from *Star Wars*) and concludes with Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*. No tickets are required. CityPlace is located at 112 South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Lagrange KY. View details at [cityplaceexpoctr.com](http://cityplaceexpoctr.com).

On Saturday, September 7 at 8:00pm, the Louisville Orchestra performs at the Iroquois Amphitheater. This free concert is conducted by LO Music Director **Teddy Abrams** and features soloists **Ben Sollee** (cello and vocals) and **Julia Noone** (violin). The program is varied and family-friendly. No tickets are required. The performances is presented by the Louisville Orchestra and sponsored by LG&E and Brown-Forman Corporation. The Iroquois Amphitheater is located at 1080 Amphitheater Rd in the Iroquois Park in Louisville.

#### **Opening Night at the Pops – HOLLYWOOD HITS**

On Saturday, September 21 at 8:00pm, the Louisville Orchestra presents the opening night concert of the 2019-2020 Pops Series sponsored by Lee and Rosemary Kirkwood. This performance is at the Kentucky Center in downtown Louisville. Principal Pops Conductor **Bob Bernhardt** leads the LO in "Hollywood Hits," an evening of great music and film clips from movies including *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Out of Africa*, *Gone with the Wind*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *Superman*, and more. See below for details about tickets.

#### **Opening Matinee at the Coffee Concerts – From the New World "Louisville Edition"**

On Friday, September 27 at 11:00am, the Louisville Orchestra presents the opening matinee performance of the 2019-2020 Coffee Concert Series sponsored by Hilliard-Lyon, a Baird Company. This performance is at the Kentucky Center in downtown Louisville. Music Director **Teddy Abrams** leads the LO in "From the New World, "Louisville Edition," a performance featuring music created with strong influence from Louisville musicians.

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Witold LUTOSLAWSKI: Fanfare for Louisville (LO commission)  
Jacques IBERT: Louisville Concerto (LO commission)  
Robert WHITNEY: Concertino (LO commission)  
Antonin DVORAK: Symphony No. 9, "From the New World" (see below for Louisville connection)

The LO presents "Concert Talk" – a preview of the upcoming performance at 10am in Whitney Hall. Free to ticketholders.

### **Opening Night at the Signature Classics – From the New World**

On Saturday, September 28 at 8:00pm, the Louisville Orchestra presents the opening night of the 2019-2020 Signature Classics Series sponsored by Brown-Forman. This performance is at the Kentucky Center in downtown Louisville. Music Director **Teddy Abrams** leads the LO in a program titled "From the New World." Guest soloists **Anne Akiko Meyers** (violin), **Elana Urioste** (violin), and **J'Nai Bridges** (mezzo-soprano) join Abrams, thus bringing together four of the artists named "19 for 19" by the flagship classical music radio station, New York's WQXR-FM. Singled out for their growing influence and impact in orchestra performances and recording, these musicians are bringing extraordinary vision to the future.

This concert features the audience favorite "New World Symphony" by Bohemian composer Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904). The composer, famous at the time, wrote the piece while living and working in New York City. It's recently been discovered that Louisville's music specialist and composer Mildred Hill (who, with her sister, wrote "Happy Birthday To You") influenced the composer significantly.

Adam SCHOENBERG: *Orchard in the Fog*  
Georges BIZET: "Habanera" from *Carmen*  
Maurice RAVEL: *Tzigane*, Rhapsody for Violin and Orchestra  
George GERSHWIN: "My Man's Gone Now" from *Porgy and Bess*  
Camille SAINT-SAENS: "Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix" from *Samson and Delilah*  
Antonin DVORAK: Symphony No. 9 ("From the New World")

The LO presents "Concert Talk" – a preview of the upcoming performance at 6:45pm in Whitney Hall. Free to ticketholders.

### **TICKETS**

Tickets are not necessary for the free concerts on Friday and Saturday, September 6 & 7.

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$20. Individual concert tickets are available through the Kentucky Center ticket office for the Pops, Coffee Concert, and Signature Classics performances. Walk-up or Drive-thru purchase is encouraged to avoid additional handling charges. Phone orders and online purchases incur handling charges of 17% in addition to the ticket prices. The Kentucky Center is the only authorized outlet for tickets to these Louisville Orchestra performances.

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Discount subscription concert packages are available through the Louisville Orchestra ticket office. Call 502.587.8681 for service and details.

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