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**Mann Center Announces Summer 2009 Classical Music Performances**  
**New Program Highlights the Next Generation of Artists**

**Philadelphia, April 8, 2009** – The Mann Center for the Performing Arts today announced a new series of classical music concerts for the Summer 2009 season. The new concert series is the result of a request by the Philadelphia Orchestra to reduce its total number of concerts due to its current financial situation.

“The Mann Center is extremely excited to present these new, innovative and exciting programs showcasing the next generation of classical music artists who will not only thrill our traditional patrons but also draw new audiences,” said Mann Center President & CEO **Catherine M. Cahill**. “The Mann Center is committed to continuing to be the summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra and to presenting great classical music. Our patrons expect it and we will deliver it.”

“The Philadelphia Orchestra appreciates the cooperation of the Mann Center in working with us to tackle our financial challenges. It is an unprecedented year with the worst economic climate since the Great Depression,” said Philadelphia Orchestra Acting CEO **Frank Slattery**. “To be prudent, we needed to reduce the total number of concerts at the Mann this year. The Orchestra and the Mann have been partners for many years and we look forward to continuing that partnership in the future.”

In addition, the City of Philadelphia has graciously agreed to allow its support for two upcoming Philadelphia Orchestra community concerts to also be used to cover two of the concerts at the Mann Center. An admission-free concert will be held on Monday, July 6 and an additional community-focused event will be held in Fall 2009 with exact date and details to be announced.

Mayor Michael Nutter said, “Philadelphia is endowed with some of the finest cultural institutions in the world. The City of Philadelphia is pleased to support two of these great institutions – the Mann Center for the Performing Arts and the Philadelphia Orchestra – in their combined efforts to continue a strong, lasting and ongoing Philadelphia summer tradition of bringing music to life in communities across our city.”

Tickets for the following Summer 2009 Mann Center classical music concerts will go on sale on April 20. The series will include the following:

**Monday, June 29th: The Four Seasons Times Two**

Two sets of concertos for violin featuring Vivaldi's and Astor Piazzolla's Four Seasons. Performing will be Curtis Institute of Music violin prodigy Yu-Chien Tseng (age fourteen!) alongside gifted Curtis alumna, violinist Lara St. John. One of the Curtis's rising young star conductors, Kuok-man Lio, will lead the concert. Vivaldi's Four Seasons is a perennial concert favorite, as is Piazzolla's, a masterpiece reflecting his own South American style.

**Tuesday, June 30th: A Midsummer Night's Dream**

We celebrate youth with music written by prodigy geniuses and spotlighting two of Curtis Institute of Music's young "legends of tomorrow." Duo-piano sensations Christina and Michelle Naughton along with Rossen Milanov (another Curtis alumnus) perform with members of The Mann Festival Orchestra. Featured repertoire will include Lutoslawski's Paganini Variations for two pianos, Mozart's Concerto in E flat Major K. 365 for two pianos, Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture, Op. 21 and Saint Saëns' Carnival of the Animals.

**Wednesday, July 1st: The Legendary Beethoven**

Rossen Milanov partners with Curtis piano sensation Kyu-Yeon Kim, fresh from the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition – in Beethoven's most lyrical concerto, No. 4 in G Major. The lovely Romance No. 2 in F Major for violin and orchestra precedes the concerto. Members of The Mann Festival Orchestra take center stage to open and close the program with the ebullient Creatures of Prometheus Overture and the ever-popular Symphony No. 5 in C Minor.

**Monday, July 6**

The Philadelphia Orchestra and Rossen Milanov, the Orchestra's Artistic Director at the Mann Center, begin their summer season at the Mann with a special free admission concert. Details will be announced later in April.

The Philadelphia Orchestra continues its residency with three evenings dedicated to "The Philadelphia Sound." Each concert features music or artists who have historic connections to the Mann Center, The Philadelphia Orchestra or the great city of Philadelphia itself.

**Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

Angela Brown, soprano

The Philadelphia Orchestra/Rossen Milanov, conductor

Verdi, Overture to *La Forza del Destino*

Verdi, 'Ritorna Vincitor' from *Aida*

Verdi, 'Tu che la vanita' from *Don Carlo*

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Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27

**Wednesday, July 29, 2009**

The Philadelphia Orchestra/Juanjo Mena, conductor  
Juliette Kang, violin

All Tchaikovsky Program

Capriccio italien, Op. 45

Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35

INTERMISSION

Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy

1812 Overture, Op. 49

**Thursday, July 30, 2009**

The Philadelphia Orchestra/John Axelrod, conductor  
Lang Lang and Herbie Hancock, pianos

Program to include

Mozart: Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*

Vaughan Williams: Concerto for 2 pianos and orchestra

Solo and duo piano works to be announced from the stage

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Bernstein: Mambo from *West Side Story*

Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue (arr. for 2 pianos and orchestra)

Ravel: Mother Goose-for two pianos solo

Solo and duo piano works To be announced from the stage

The Mann Center is an integral part of the Centennial District which also includes the Please Touch Museum and the Philadelphia Zoo.

Please Touch Museum President **Nancy Kolb** and Philadelphia Zoo President and CEO **Vikram Dewan** commented, "The Mann Center's programming is an integral part of the cultural vibrancy of the Centennial District. We fully support its effort to bring not only the best classical music but music of all genres to the district, its residents and the community. We look forward to a fabulous Summer 2009."

The full Mann Center Summer 2009 concert and performance program will be released on April 21, 2009.

**About the Mann Center**

A summer destination since the 1930's, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts, located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park, continues its rich tradition as the Delaware Valley's premiere outdoor cultural arts center: Concerts and programs encompass all musical genres from pop, jazz, r & b, rock and contemporary, to dance theater, opera and classical. Amenities include full service tented dining offering a spectacular vista of Philadelphia's skyline, lush lawn seating including a picnic grove, several bars, concession stands and merchandise tents.

Accessible, attractive, festive and fun, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts presents diverse, world class entertainment in a casually elegant and relaxed setting at affordable prices. It underwent extensive renovations in 2007, enhancing the uniquely wonderful Mann Center experience for its 173,000 visitors annually.

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