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JUNE 24: PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA MUSIC DIRECTOR YANNICK NÉZET-SÉGUIN TO MAKE MANN HISTORY WITH CONDUCTING DEBUT FOR 2019 GALA

The Philadelphia Orchestra will perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the debut of Maestro Yannick Nézet-Séguin accompanied by fireworks at the Mann's Party in the Park Gala; Mann honors 20-year veteran Nancy Newman who enters retirement

WHAT: Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Music Director of The Philadelphia Orchestra, is making his conducting debut at the Mann for a special gala concert featuring Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The Philadelphia Orchestra will perform under fireworks for an unforgettable evening at the Mann's recent \$11 million renovated campus. The concert will be the centerpiece of the Mann's 2019 Party in the Park gala, an annual fundraiser benefiting the Mann's education and community engagement programs, which serve more than 30,000 young people annually.

The first half of this momentous evening, co-presented by the Mann and NEWorks Productions, will feature the Philadelphia Community Mass, a concert-theatrical experience that explores the relevance of faith in our times inspired by Leonard Bernstein's MASS and conceived and conducted by Nolan Williams, Jr., the Mann's Festival Artistic Director. Other featured groups include the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra and Philadelphia Symphonic Choir.

In the second half, Maestro Nézet-Séguin will conduct the "Fabulous Philadelphians," in addition to an internationally acclaimed group of soloists from the Metropolitan Opera, performing the world-renowned Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, one of the towering masterworks of classical music. Not since the era of the legendary Wolfgang Sawallisch has a current Philadelphia Orchestra Music Director graced the Mann's Presser Foundation Stage.

During the evening, the Mann will also celebrate the retirement of Executive Vice President Nancy Newman. Newman has served the Mann and its patrons for 20 years and her legacy will continue through the Nancy R. Newman Endowment Fund for Landscape, Art and Music at the Mann. This fund was created to establish a permanent legacy to celebrate Newman's two decades of stewardship and commitment.

WHEN: Monday, June 24, 2019
Party at the Park Cocktails & Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Performance begins at 8 p.m.

WHERE: The Mann Center for the Performing Arts
5201 Parkside Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

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About the Mann

As one of the foremost outdoor music centers in the country, the Mann, a leading non-profit organization, has a historical legacy of artistic excellence as a world-class entertainment destination presenting premier artists in association with AEG Presents. Each summer season, renowned symphony orchestras, iconic rock stars and the latest touring artists in indie rock, hip hop, R&B and pop take the stage here. The Mann is the summer home of The Philadelphia Orchestra and has presented critically acclaimed performers in every decade since the 1930s. Located in the heart of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, the Mann hosts more than 200,000 visitors annually. Signature concert experiences are surrounded by Philadelphia's stunning skyline and include seats beneath the Mann's acoustically acclaimed TD Pavilion at the Mann; picnics, blankets and music under the stars on its great lawn; and dining in Crescendo, the venue's spectacular tented restaurant. For more information, visit www.manncenter.org.

About The Philadelphia Orchestra

The Philadelphia Orchestra is one of the preeminent orchestras in the world, renowned for its distinctive sound, desired for its keen ability to capture the hearts and imaginations of audiences, and admired for a legacy of innovation in music-making. The Orchestra is inspiring the future and transforming its rich tradition of achievement, sustaining the highest level of artistic quality, but also challenging—and exceeding—that level, by creating powerful musical experiences for audiences at home and around the world. Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin is confirmed to lead The Philadelphia Orchestra at least through the 2025-26 season, an extraordinary and significant long-term commitment. His highly collaborative style, deeply rooted musical curiosity, and boundless enthusiasm, paired with a fresh approach to orchestral programming, have been heralded by critics and audiences alike. The Orchestra's numerous education initiatives are an important focus of the organization's offerings, as the ensemble engages audiences beyond the stage and into the community. For more information on The Philadelphia Orchestra, please visit www.philorch.org.

About NEWorks Productions

As one of the country's premier producers of inspirational arts programming, NEWorks Productions partners with leading humanitarian, educational, arts, and renowned institutions to present curatorial festivals, concert productions, special events, and other signature projects that leverage the power of music and the arts for community engagement and social good. Past and present partners include: the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington National Opera, the American Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Georgetown University, Oberlin College, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, the Embassy of India, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa, the Amalfi Coast Music and Arts Festival, the National Symphony Orchestra, and the world-class Philadelphia Orchestra. www.NEWorksProductions.com.

About the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Entering its 80th Anniversary year of training tomorrow's leaders, the renowned Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization is one of the nation's oldest and most respected community music education and youth orchestra performance programs, providing talented young musicians from across the tri-state area with exceptional musical training. Students range from 6 to 21 years of age in six different ensemble programs led by Maestro Louis Scaglione, who serves as President and Music Director of the organization and conducts the anchor group, Phila. Youth Orchestra of 14 to 21-year-olds. Students go on to excellent careers and many members of the prestigious Philadelphia Orchestra are alumni. For more information, please visit www.pyos.org.