



BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA RELEASES RACHMANINOFF & ROSSINI CD

June 2, 2010 Buffalo, N.Y. – The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of JoAnn Falletta, Music Director has released the CD Rachmaninoff & Rossini under the Beau Fleuve label.

The CD is a recording of the music performed during the Orchestra's 2010 Florida Friends Tour and includes Rachmaninoff, Symphony No. 2 in E-Minor and Rossini, Overture to Semirande recorded on March 6 & 7 at Kleinhans Music Hall in Buffalo, NY, Bernd Gottinger, Engineer.

"Of the many recordings the BPO has made, this one is particularly special because it captures and commemorates our 2010 tour to Florida," said Music Director, JoAnn Falletta. "In each of the five cities, our orchestra performed at peak level and since have continued this artistic momentum with each performance. At each venue, we were greeted enthusiastically not only by many former Buffalonians and Western New Yorkers, but the BPO made many new friends as ambassadors for our community."

The Rachmaninoff & Rossini CD can be purchased for \$15 online at www.bpo.org. Or at the Kleinhans Box Office (Porter Avenue Window) Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

The Grammy Award Winning Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1935 and makes its home at Kleinhans Music Hall, a National Historic Landmark with an international reputation as one of the finest concert halls in the United States. As Buffalo's cultural ambassador, the BPO has toured widely across the United States and Canada including the recently completed Florida Friends Tour with JoAnn Falletta in March 2010, the first multi-city tour since the 1988 European tour and the first outside of the WNY area since Maestro Falletta led the ensemble at Carnegie Hall in 2004.

Currently, the Orchestra presents more than one hundred and twenty Classics, Pops and Youth Concerts each year and the award winning BPO Education programs reach over 35,000 students per year (K-12) from all eight counties of Western New York. The BPO performs 120 concerts annually and is heard by millions on radio broadcasts across the United States and beyond on American Public Media's Performance Today.

During the tenure of current music director JoAnn Falletta, the BPO has rekindled its distinguished history of NPR broadcasts and recordings, including the release of eleven new CDs of a highly diverse repertoire on the NAXOS and Beau Fleuve labels. The Philharmonic's Naxos recording of composer John Corigliano's Mr. Tambourine Man: Seven Poems of Bob Dylan, featuring soprano Hila Plitmann, won Grammys in two categories of the three for which it was nominated: classical vocal performance and classical contemporary composition.

For more information please visit www.bpo.org.

JoAnn Falletta, Music Director

Recipient of the Seaver/National Endowment for the Arts Conductors Award, winner of the Stokowski Competition, and the Toscanini, Ditson and Bruno Walter conducting awards, JoAnn Falletta has also received ten awards from the American Society of Composers and Publishers (ASCAP) and serves on the U.S. National Council on the Arts. A champion of American music, she has presented over four hundred works by American composers including over eighty world premières. She currently serves as music director of both the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Virginia Symphony and guest conducts many of the world's great symphony orchestras, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Dallas Symphony, Rotterdam Philharmonic, London Symphony Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony. Her Naxos recordings include the double Grammy Award-winning disc of works by John Corigliano (8.559331) and Grammy-nominated discs of works of Kenneth Fuchs, Franz Schubert, and Ottorino Respighi.

For more information, please visit www.joannfalletta.com