



BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

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BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM CONCERT ON THE WATERFRONT

June 22, 2010, Buffalo, N.Y. — The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra is excited to announce Hollywood on the Harbor concert on Friday, July 23rd at 8:00PM at the Erie Canal Central Wharf. BPO Pops Conductor, Matthew Kraemer will lead the Orchestra in this special one-night-only 75th Anniversary Celebration concert with a program of popular songs and themes from 75 years of cinematic history.

The first half opens with a Salute to Hollywood and then Erich Korngold's Overture to Captain Blood – released in 1935, the same year the BPO was founded. Audiences will also enjoy well-known themes from Gone With The Wind, Goldfinger and Ben Hur and classic songs from Henry Mancini, Burt Bacharach and Buffalo's own Harold Arlen.

In the second half, hear John Williams' scores from Raiders of the Lost Ark, Schindler's List, Harry Potter and Star Wars alongside themes from Gladiator, Spiderman and Pirates of the Caribbean.

Tickets are \$15 before July 1, \$20 before July 18 and \$25 during the week of the performance. Children under 12 are free with a paying adult. Concessions will be available.

Tickets can be purchased at the BPO Box Office located at Kleinhans Music Hall during the business hours of 9am-5pm Monday-Friday or online at www.bpo.org.

The Grammy Award Winning Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1935. Since 1940, the Orchestra's permanent home has been Kleinhans Music Hall, a National Historic Site 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.

Matthew Kraemer, Associate Conductor

Recognized for his "musical sensitivity" and "energized sense of interpretation", conductor Matthew Kraemer was appointed Associate Conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in September 2009. He appears on each of the orchestra's major series including Classical, Pops, and Family concerts, in addition to education and community engagement programs. A committed advocate of music education, he has created numerous arts education programs and continues his work with young musicians as a clinician, guest conductor, and lecturer.

An Indiana native, Mr. Kraemer assisted former Cincinnati Symphony concertmaster Phillip Ruder at the University of Nevada, Reno, receiving a Master of Music in Orchestral Career Studies. An accomplished violinist in his own right, he was a member of the Nightingale String Quartet, quartet in residence at the University of Nevada, Reno. Fluent in German and French, he holds a degree in violin performance from Butler University with a minor in philosophy and his principal violin teachers include Phillip Ruder, Herbert Greenberg, and Larry Shapiro. When he is not performing, Mr. Kraemer enjoys cooking, running, and reading.