



BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Press Release

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Call For Auditions: BPO IDOL with Marvin Hamlisch

January 19, 2010, Buffalo, N.Y. – The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra is looking for vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages to audition for BPO Idol with Marvin Hamlisch on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 8pm at Kleinhans Music Hall as a part of the BlueCross BlueShield Pops Concert Series.

Anyone interested in auditioning should email TWO short videos, each FIVE minutes in length along with a short sentence or two about yourself and your background to Jennifer Smith, Community Relations Manager at [jsmith@bpo.org](mailto:jsmith@bpo.org). Materials must be received by February 19, 2009.

Professional musicians or vocalists are excluded from this competition. Candidate's primary residence must be located within a 60 mile radius of Buffalo. Finalists will be notified by March 1, 2010 and must be available to perform at the BPO concert on Sat Apr 24, 2010.

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The world-renowned 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. The Orchestra presents more than one hundred Classics, Pops and Youth Concerts each year in WNY. 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.