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RHODE ISLAND PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CLASSICAL CONCERT

ICY-HOT ROMANTICS - SATURDAY JANUARY 28 8pm
MUSIC DIRECTOR LARRY RACHLEFF; PIANIST ALON GOLDSTEIN
MUSIC OF BARTÓK, GRIEG & DVOŘÁK
CONCERT SPONSORED BY THE CARTER FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST
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January 12, 2012 – East Providence, RI – The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra presents the first Classical Series concert of the new year on Saturday January 28 at 8pm at The VETS, 1 Avenue of the Arts, Providence. Music Director LARRY RACHLEFF and the Philharmonic Orchestra are joined by pianist ALON GOLDSTEIN on a 'sojourn' to Eastern and Northern Europe as they perform Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor*, op.16, Bartók's *Dance Suite* and Dvořák's *Symphony No. 8 in G major*, op.88. Before the concert from 7:00-7:25 Resident Conductor FRANCISCO NOYA presents an informal talk about the concert program in the auditorium. The Carter Family Charitable Trust sponsors this concert. WPRO News Talk 630 is the media sponsor for the Philharmonic 2011-2012 season.

Admired for his musical intelligence and dynamic personality, ALON GOLDSTEIN is one of the most sensitive artists of his generation. His artistic vision and innovative programming have made him a favorite with audiences and critics alike throughout the United States, Europe and Israel. After making his orchestral debut at age 18 with the Israeli Philharmonic under Maestro Zubin Mehta, he made a triumphant return in April 2008 with Maestro Herbert Blomstedt. In recent seasons, he has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, the San Francisco, St. Louis, Houston, Vancouver, Kansas City and North Carolina Symphonies and on tour with orchestras in Paris, Russia, Romania and Bulgaria. This is his second appearance with the Rhode Island Philharmonic.

TICKETS FOR ALL PHILHARMONIC CLASSICAL CONCERTS may be purchased 24/7 at the Philharmonic website: riphil.org using MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover and at vmari.com. Tickets for this concert may also be purchased at the Philharmonic Box Office at 667 Waterman Avenue, East Providence until Friday January 27 at 4pm, either by phone (401.248.7000) using MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover or in person during regular box office hours, Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm. Tickets are also available at the PPAC Box Office, 220 Weybosset Street, Providence, either by phone (401.421.2787) or in person during regular box office hours, Mon.-Fri 10am-5pm.

On Saturday January 28, the day of the concert, tickets are available onsite at the Vets Box Office, in person or by calling 401.421.2787 from 12noon until 8:30pm. Ticket prices for the concert range from \$30 to \$70 for adults with discounts in selected areas of the hall for full time students and groups of 10 or more. At 7:30pm if there are tickets remaining, a full time student presenting a valid student ID may buy one ticket for \$12. There is free parking for all Philharmonic Classical concerts at designated lots along Smith Street with limited ADA parking just past Avenue of the Arts on Park Street. The Philharmonic provides a free shuttle bus to and from the parking lots before and after the concerts. Parking is also available at the Providence Place Mall garage for \$2 for up to 5 hours.

Mini-subscriptions for 5 and 4 classical concerts, are available through the Philharmonic box office.

RECAP

CONCERT: PHILHARMONIC CLASSICAL CONCERT – ICY-HOT ROMANTICS
DATE: Saturday evening, January 28, 2012 8pm
PLACE: The Vets, Providence

PROGRAM: BARTÓK *Dance Suite*
GRIEG *Piano Concerto in A minor*
DVOŘÁK *Symphony No. 8*

CONDUCTOR: Larry Rachleff, Music Director
SOLOIST: Alon Goldstein

CONCERT SPONSOR: the Carter Family Charitable Trust
MEDIA SPONSOR: WPRO News Talk 630

TICKETS: \$30 to \$70, with discounts for Students and Groups in selected sections
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The PPAC box office: 401.421.2787 (10-5 M-F)
To buy tickets online 24/7:
Philharmonic website: riphil.org
The Vets website: vmari.com

EVENTS SURROUNDING THE JANUARY 28 CLASSICAL CONCERT THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 ALON GOLDSTEIN MASTERCLASS FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 ORCHESTRA OPEN REHEARSAL SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 AN INTIMATE PERFORMANCE BY ALON GOLDSTEIN

Thursday, January 12, 2012 – East Providence, RI – The Rhode Island Philharmonic has several events surrounding the January 28th Classical concert featuring pianist ALON GOLDSTEIN who will perform Grieg's stunning Piano Concerto in A minor on that concert.

On Thursday afternoon, January 26 at 3:30 – 5pm, Mr. Goldstein will hold a Masterclass for piano students at the Philharmonic Carter Center, 667 Waterman Avenue, East Providence. The participating students are Music School students Felipe Ferreras, Doris Xu and Brown University students Rudy Chen and Taylin Im. The Masterclass is free of charge and open to the public. There is free parking at the Carter Center.

On Friday, January 27 at 5:30 – 8pm, the Orchestra holds an Open Rehearsal at the VETS, Providence. This rehearsal runs from 5:30-8pm as the Orchestra rehearses for the Saturday night Classical Concert. The rehearsal presents an opportunity to observe the process of putting together a symphony orchestra concert. The conductor is miked so that people in the audience can hear his discussion and collaboration with Mr. Goldstein and members of the Orchestra. Because this is a rehearsal and not an actual concert, there will likely be stops in the music as the conductor goes over specific sections, rather than the Orchestra playing the music straight through from start to finish. There is also no guarantee that all of the music for the Saturday concert will be rehearsed during the Open Rehearsal.

Tickets for the Open Rehearsal are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students.

On Sunday, January 28 at 3:00pm, pianist ALON GOLDSTEIN with members of the Philharmonic Orchestra and selected Music School students will present a Recital at the Carter Center in East Providence. There is a cocktail reception immediately following the recital. Admission for this recital is \$100 per person. Sponsorship level reserved seats are \$250. To reserve seats, please contact Liz Scanlon: lscanlon@riphil.org or call her at 401.248.7004. All proceeds from this event will be used to expand and enhance Music School programs for underserved, low-income students and their families through our Music for our Schools program.

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EVENT: Alon Goldstein Masterclass
DATE: Thursday, January 26, 3:30-5:00pm
PLACE: Carter Center, 667 Waterman Avenue, East Providence

EVENT: Orchestra Open Rehearsal
DATE: Friday, January 27, 5:30 – 8:00pm
PLACE: The VETS, Providence

EVENT: Intimate Recital with Alon Goldstein, members of the Philharmonic Orchestra and selected Music School students
DATE: Sunday, January 29, 3:00pm
PLACE: Carter Center, 667 Waterman Avenue, East Providence

For tickets, subscriptions, more information or to request or download a season brochure, visit the Philharmonic website: riphil.org or call the Box Office @401.248.7000.

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CLASSICAL CONCERTS

- *AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL*: Music Director LARRY RACHLEFF leads the Orchestra on Saturday evening, February 25 at 8pm in a salute to New York City. Violinist ALEXANDER KERR joins the Orchestra in a performance of Bernstein's Serenade and the WORLD-PREMIERE of James Stephenson's Fantasie for Violin. The concert includes Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. Suite and Gershwin's *American in Paris*.
- *WHO'S BETTER THAN BEETHOVEN?* Saturday evening, March 24 at 8pm Music Director LARRY RACHLEFF and the Orchestra are joined by Violinist AUGUSTIN HADELICH in a performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto. The All-Beethoven program includes his Symphony No. 3 (Eroica).
- *FROM RUSSIA WITH ALBAN*: On Saturday evening April 14 at 8pm Music Director LARRY RACHLEFF and the Philharmonic welcome Cellist ALBAN GERHARDT for a performance of the Tchaikovsky Variations on a Rocco Theme. This trip to Leningrad program includes Stravinsky's *Fireworks* and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7 (Leningrad).
- *SEASON FINALE – A SPIRITUAL MASTERPIECE*: Music Director LARRY RACHLEFF conducts the Classical Series Season Finale on Saturday, May 5 at 8pm as the Orchestra is joined by Soprano ELIZABETH WEIGLE, Baritone RANDALL SCARLATA and the PROVIDENCE SINGERS, Betsy Burleigh, Artistic Director, in a performance of Brahms' A German Requiem. Members of the Philharmonic Brass open the concert with a performance of Gabrieli's Sacred Symphony.

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