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Philharmonic on Fire! Back by Popular Demand!

Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra LIVE at WaterFire Providence Saturday July 30, 9PM Turk's Head Plaza

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 – Providence – On **Saturday, July 30**, the **Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra**, conducted by Resident Conductor, **Francisco Noya**, joins **WaterFire Providence** to present a spectacular evening of live orchestral music performed in the heart of downtown Providence. (Rain date: Sunday, July 31, same time)

The Orchestra will perform at **Turk's Head Plaza**, beginning at **9pm**. Approximately 3,000 chairs will be placed in the Plaza for audience members. Tens of thousands more people can listen to the concert while enjoying the flames of WaterFire from anywhere along the WaterFire rivers. The program includes Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries," excerpts from Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and Mendelssohn's Scherzo from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Soprano **DIANA MCVEY** will join **Philharmonic on Fire!** again this season, singing Dvorak's "Song to the Moon" from *Rusalka*, the Villa-Lobos Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 for Soprano and Cellos and Puccini's *O mio babbino caro*.

FRANCISCO NOYA has served as Resident Conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra for 14 seasons. He joins Music Director Larry Rachleff representing the Philharmonic artistically and educationally throughout the Rhode Island community.

MS. MCVEY is an artist whose consummate skills as a singer and actress have made her highly visible in opera, oratorio and as soloist with symphony orchestras. The beauty of her voice and her intelligent artistry have also made her much sought after for both the standard repertoire and new works.

The **Philharmonic on Fire!** concert is made possible in part by generous donations from the Taco/White Family Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Capital Properties, Textron, Providence Place Mall, the Rhode Island Foundation and the Rhode Island General Assembly. Additional sponsors and donors are still being sought to support this exciting evening.

Interested donors should contact Betty Ann Kearney (248.7022 or bakearney@riphil.org) at the Rhode Island Philharmonic.

For more information about this exciting summer event, log on to riphil.org and waterfire.org.

RECAP

EVENT: ***Philharmonic on Fire!***
Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra performs LIVE at WaterFire Providence

DATE & TIME: Saturday July 30, 9:00pm [**Rain Date: Sunday, July 31, same time**]
PLACE: Philharmonic Concert at Turk's Head Plaza, downtown Providence at the intersection of Westminster, Exchange and Weybosset Streets.

CONDUCTOR: Francisco Noya, Rhode Island Philharmonic Resident Conductor
GUEST ARTIST: Diana McVey, Soprano

PROGRAM:

WAGNER	<i>Ride of the Valkyries</i>
RAVEL	<i>Mother Goose Suite (excerpts)</i>
DVORAK	<i>"Song to the Moon"</i>
GLASS	<i>"Sense of Doubt"</i>
PROKOFIEV	<i>Montagues and Capulets from Romeo and Juliet</i>
MENDELSSOHN	<i>Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
VILLALOBOS	<i>Bachianas Brasileiras</i>
GOLIJOV	<i>Muertes del Angel</i>
PUCCINI	<i>O mio babbino caro</i>
MUSSORGSKY/RAVEL	<i>Pictures at an Exhibition (excerpts)</i>

Program subject to change without notice.

Additional details and weather information updates are added regularly at both the Philharmonic and WaterFire websites prior to July 30.