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HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES SPRING 2014 CONCERT SERIES

HONOLULU – The Hawaii Symphony Orchestra (HSO) today announced the Spring 2014 Halekulani Masterworks Series. The HSO will perform with noted conductors and soloists at Blaisdell Concert Hall on three Saturday evenings and six Sunday afternoons between March 16 and June 1.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better response from the community to our fall concert series (that ends on Monday) where ticket sales exceeded our projections,” said Jonathan Parrish, the HSO’s executive director. “We plan to build on this success by bringing a breathtaking array of musical talent to perform with us this spring. We’ll be starting off with an all-Beethoven concert where we are honored to feature the renowned German conductor Gunther Herbig, who is the former music director of the Detroit and Toronto symphonies.”

Conductor JoAnn Falletta, artistic advisor to the HSO, who played a key role in arranging both the fall and spring concert series, said, “I am delighted at the response of so many important American, European and Asian soloists and conductors to the opportunity to come to Honolulu to perform with the HSO, whose reputation as a wonderful symphonic ensemble is rapidly spreading. We’ve got a terrific lineup of performers and exciting programs in store for this spring, including the world premiere of a concerto for koto and orchestra.”

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Paul Kosasa, chairman of the HSO board of directors, said he was “gratified at the wonderful support for the orchestra by our audience and the community at large. It validates the efforts our board has made to bring Hawaii’s orchestra back to life, and I see this season as just an overture to the many great things yet to come.”

The spring concert schedule:

Sunday, March 16, at 4 p.m.

Herbig Conducts Beethoven

Gunther Herbig Conductor
TBD Piano

- Beethoven Coriolan Overture
- Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5, “Emperor”
- Beethoven Symphony No. 7

Saturday, April 5, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m.

Prokofiev & Strauss

Junichi Hirokami Conductor
Anne Akiko Meyers Violin

- Khachaturian Masquerade Suite
- Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2
- Strauss Till Eulenspiegel’s Merry Pranks
- Strauss Rosenkavalier Suite

Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, at 4 p.m.

Gershwin & Beethoven

Maximiano Valdes Conductor
Sara Davis Buechner Piano

- Ravel Alborada del Gracioso
- Gershwin Piano Concerto
- Beethoven Symphony No. 3, “Eroica”

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Sunday, May 11, at 4 p.m.

Iggy Plays Paganini

Gerard Schwarz Conductor

Ignace “Iggy” Jang Violin

- Mozart Symphony No. 39
- Mozart Adagio for Violin and Orchestra
- Paganini “La Campanella”
- Elgar Enigma Variations

Saturday, May 17, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 18, at 4 p.m.

Concerto for Koto

Naoto Otomo Conductor

Yumi Kurosawa Koto

- Akutagawa Musica per Orchestra Sinfonica
- Daren Hagan Genji, Concerto for Koto and Orchestra (World Premiere)
- Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4

Sunday, June 1, at 4 p.m.

Grieg & Berlioz

Naoto Otomo Conductor

Conrad Tao Piano

- Sibelius Finlandia
- Grieg Piano Concerto
- Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique

Prices for the Spring Halekulani Masterworks Series range from \$80 to \$230 for the three-Saturday package; and from \$140 to \$400 for the six-Sunday package. Series tickets can be purchased at the Hawaii Opera Plaza Box Office at 848 South Beretania St. #303. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (808) 593-2468. Single tickets will go on sale or be available on Monday, Feb. 3, 2014, in person at the Blaisdell box office or online at TicketMaster.com.

About the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra

The Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, one of the oldest orchestras west of the Rocky Mountains, has won the enthusiastic praise of the nationally and internationally renowned soloists and guest conductors who have performed with it.

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