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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES NEW *SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY*
PERFORMANCE: ACTOR AND HIP HOP ARTIST COMMON, AUGUST 1**

Common performs selections from his 2016 release *Black America Again*, as well as hits from *Like Water for Chocolate*, *Be*, and *Selma* with the San Francisco Symphony

Tickets on sale now at SFSymphony.org/Common

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Hip hop artist, actor, and activist [Common](#) joins the San Francisco Symphony and conductor Steven Reineke on August 1 to perform selections from the artist's 2016 release *Black America Again*, which has been called a "potent protest album" (*Chicago Tribune*) and which *Rolling Stone* deemed one of the "40 Best Rap Albums of 2016." The San Francisco Symphony will accompany Common in orchestrated versions of selections from *Black America Again*, as well as other hits including "The Light" from *Like Water for Chocolate*, "Testify" and "Go!" from *Be*, and "Glory" from *Selma*.



An Academy Award, Golden Globe, Emmy and Grammy-winning actor and musician, Common continues to break down barriers with a multitude of critically acclaimed and diverse roles, along with continued success at the box office. He was recently cast in *THE KITCHEN*, alongside Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Haddish and Elisabeth Moss. Up next he will be seen in the Warner Brothers' animated feature *SMALLFOOT, THE HATE U GIVE* for Fox and starring in the action film, *HUNTER KILLER*. In 2015, he appeared in the Oscar-nominated film, *SELMA*, about the civil rights marches that changed America. Alongside John Legend, he won the Academy Award and Golden Globe for the song "Glory," which was featured in the film. Behind the scenes, Common currently serves as executive producer of the Showtime series "The Chi," a coming-of-age story set in Chicago from Emmy Award winning writer Lena Waithe. In 2016, he released his 11th studio album, *Black America Again*. The album includes socially conscious new single, "Black America Again" featuring Stevie Wonder and the anthem "Letter to the Free," the end-title track to Ava Duvernay's powerful Oscar-Nominated documentary *13TH*, for which he also received the 2017 Emmy for "Best Music and Lyrics." After collaborating on the album, Common, Robert Glasper and

Karriem Riggins joined together to form supergroup August Greene. The trio released their first joint album on March 9th through Amazon Music. Common was most recently featured on Andra Day's song "Stand Up for Something," which he co-wrote with Diane Warren and can be heard in the 2017 film MARSHALL. The song received Oscar, Grammy, NAACP, and Critics' Choice Award nominations, as well as the "Hollywood Song Award" at the 2017 Hollywood Film Awards. Common is best known for his acting roles in SUICIDE SQUAD, JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 2, JUST WRIGHT, AMERICAN GANGSTER, HELL ON WHEELS and SMOKIN' ACES.

Calendar editors, please note:

COMMON with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, STEVEN REINEKE CONDUCTING

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Steven Reineke conductor

Common vocalist

San Francisco Symphony

Common, Jay DEE	"The Light" From <i>Like Water for Chocolate</i>
Common, Kanye WEST	"Go!" "Testify"
Common, John LEGEND, Rhymefest	From <i>Be</i> "Glory" From <i>Selma</i>
Common, Karriem RIGGINS, Robert GLASPER	"Black American Again" From <i>Black America Again</i>

Remaining program to be announced.

Tickets: \$40–149.

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