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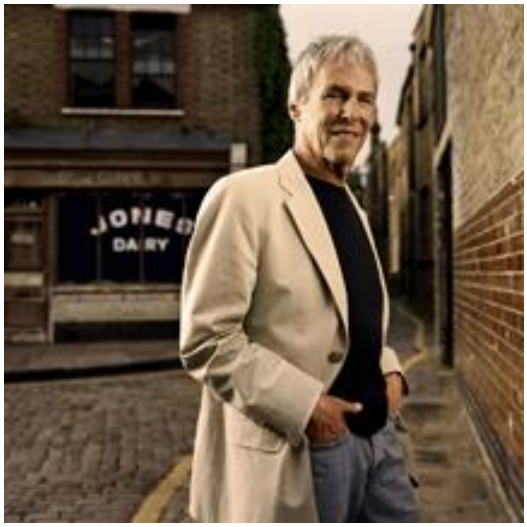

(Images of Burt Bacharach, Liza Minnelli, James Ehnes and other SF Symphony conductors and artists are available online in the Photo Library)

BURT BACHARACH, LIZA MINNELLI TO PERFORM DURING SF SYMPHONY 2013-14 SEASON; NEW OPENING WEEK CONCERT ANNOUNCED WITH MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS, JAMES EHNES, AND THE ORCHESTRA PERFORMING ALL-AMERICAN REPERTOIRE

Tickets for all individual SF Symphony 2013-14 concerts on sale Monday, July 22 at 8 am at Davies Symphony Hall box office and at 10 am online and by phone

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (July 18, 2013) – The San Francisco Symphony announced today that Burt Bacharach and Liza Minnelli will each perform during its 2013-14 season. Also announced today is a concert in the Orchestra's season opening week, on Saturday, September 7, when Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas and the Orchestra are joined by guest violinist James Ehnes in Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto, and also perform Gershwin's *An American in Paris* and George Antheil's *Jazz Symphony*. Tickets for individual concerts in the 2013-2014 San Francisco Symphony season go on sale Monday, July 22. Tickets will be on sale at www.sfsymphony.org and 415-864-6000 at 10 am, and at the Davies Symphony Hall box office at 8 am for all of the Symphony's concerts that have been available so far only by subscription package.

Tickets for the Symphony's 2013-14 Season Opening Gala September 3, with Michael Tilson Thomas conducting and soprano Audra McDonald joining the Orchestra in selections from the American songbook, are on sale now.

Tickets are also on sale now for composer and pianist Burt Bacharach, who performs two concerts of his classic greatest hits and pop standards with his band, the San Francisco Symphony, and vocalists to be announced, Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14. For over half a century, Burt Bacharach has written classic songs that became hits for artists ranging from Dusty Springfield and The Beatles to Aretha Franklin and Dionne Warwick. A few of his most well-known include "What the World Needs Now is Love," "I Say A Little Prayer," "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head," and "(They Long to Be) Close to You." He is a 2012 recipient of the Library of Congress' Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. Bacharach is currently performing internationally and promoting his new book, *Anyone Who Had a Heart*, about his illustrious career in music. A six-CD boxed set of his songs, *The Best of Burt Bacharach*, will be released in 2013 by Universal Music in the UK, and a different compilation of two discs of his best material will debut in the U.S. His 2013 national PBS television special, *Burt Bacharach's Best (My Music),* showcases the very best rare archival musical footage of the original artists from the 1960s and 1970s performing Bacharach's songs.

Vocalist and stage and screen legend Liza Minnelli performs Friday, March 28 in concert, accompanied by her septet and singing favorite American standards including "New York, New York" and "Cabaret." Minnelli, winner of four Tony Awards, an Oscar, a special "Legends" Grammy, two Golden Globe Awards, and an Emmy, is one of the entertainment world's consummate performers. In 2008, she made a triumphant return to Broadway with *Liza's at the Palace …* which went on to win the Tony Award for Best Special Theatrical Event. The show was filmed for a public television special and a DVD, and the cast recording was nominated for a Grammy Award. In 2010, following a much-talked-about cameo in *Sex and the City 2,* Liza released the well-reviewed *Confessions,* recorded with her longtime collaborator, pianist Billy Stritch. She continues to tour and perform around the world, including most recently at a 2013 tribute to Barbra Streisand at the Film Society of Lincoln Center and with Michael Feinstein in his *American Songbook* PBS special. New fans are learning about Liza Minnelli through her role as Lucille Austero on the critically acclaimed cult favorite TV show *Arrested Development*, and she also had a recent role in the TV series SMASH.

On Friday, September 6, and a new concert just announced for Saturday, September 7, Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas leads the Orchestra and violinist James Ehnes in Barber's Violin Concerto. MTT and the Orchestra also perform Gershwin's *An American in Paris* and Antheil's *Jazz Symphony*. Known for his virtuosity and probing musicianship, violinist James Ehnes has performed in over 30 countries on five continents, appearing regularly in the world's great concert halls and with many of the most celebrated orchestras and conductors. Ehnes has an extensive discography of over 25 recordings, with repertoire ranging from J.S. Bach to John Adams. Recent projects include two CDs of the music of Béla Bartók, as well as a recording of Tchaikovsky's complete works for violin. Upcoming releases include an additional Bartók disc as well as concertos by Britten, Shostakovich, and Prokofiev. His recordings have been honored with many international awards and prizes, including a Grammy, a Gramophone, and 6 Juno Awards.

Tickets are available for all SF Symphony concerts in the 2013-14 season beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, July 22 at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office (on Grove Street between Van Ness and Franklin) and at 10 a.m. online at www.sfsymphony.org and by phone at 415-864-6000.

For a complete listing of all San Francisco Symphony 2013-14 concerts, please visit the website at www.sfsymphony.org.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS CONDUCTING

Friday, September 6 at 8 pm
Just announced: Saturday, September 7 at 8 pm

Michael Tilson Thomas conductor
James Ehnes violin
San Francisco Symphony

Antheil *Jazz Symphony*
Barber Violin Concerto, Opus 14
Gershwin *An American in Paris*

Tickets: $15-$156. Tickets on sale July 22.

JUST ANNOUNCED: BURT BACHARACH WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

Friday, December 13 at 8 pm
Saturday, December 14 at 8:30 pm

Burt Bacharach conductor, pianist, vocalist
with his band and vocalists TBD
San Francisco Symphony

Composer and pianist Burt Bacharach performs two concerts of his classic greatest hits and pop standards with his band, the San Francisco Symphony, and vocalists to be announced.

Tickets: $15-$98. Tickets on sale now.

JUST ANNOUNCED: LIZA MINNELLI IN CONCERT

Friday, March 28 at 8 pm

Liza Minnelli vocalist
and her septet

Liza Minnelli sings favorite American standards, including “New York, New York” and “Cabaret.”

Note: The San Francisco Symphony does not perform in this concert.

Tickets: $25-$150. Tickets on sale July 22.

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