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POPULARITY OF POPS BRINGS SECOND SHOW TO BEND FEATURING PINK MARTINI'S THOMAS LAUDERDALE

BEND, ORE – With demand by Sunriver Music Festival members already at an all-time high and general ticket sales starting June 1st, the Sunriver Music Festival has added a second Pops Concert, Monday August 15, 7:30 pm at Summit High School in Bend.

Pink Martini's lead man Thomas Lauderdale will join Sunriver Music Festival's Young Artists Scholarship alumnus Hunter Noack in performing Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. These dynamic pianists on two pianos will join the full orchestra for an unforgettable two nights: Sunday August 14th and Monday August 15th.

Lauderdale, a featured soloist at the festival in 2008 and 2011, returns with members of his legendary band Pink Martini to perform their Afro-Cuban arrangement of Prokofiev's *Peter & the Wolf*. Soprano, community advocate, and 2002 Miss America Katie Harman joins as narrator and vocalist.

"The overwhelming popularity for our pops program demanded a second show and we are extremely grateful to Mr. Lauderdale and everyone else in agreeing to add a second performance to give more music lovers an opportunity to share a memorable evening," explains Festival Executive Director Pam Beezley.

Beezley also points out that a pops concert purchaser can buy the **PLAY IT IN BEND PACKAGE**, which offers the pops concert ticket along with a 10% discount off the Tower Theatre Classical Concert on August 12th at 7:30pm. This concert will feature the popular Vivaldi *Four Seasons*, Mozart's beautiful Symphony No. 40 *The Great G Minor* and a Brass Antiphonal Choir.

For more information on all performances or to purchase your tickets, call the Festival Ticket Office at 541-593-9310 or visit www.sunrivermusic.org.

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