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JULY PREVIEW: BERNSTEIN CELEBRATION BRINGS MUSICAL STARS TO SUNRIVER THIS AUGUST

SUNRIVER, ORE – Sunriver Music Festival’s 41st season has an impressive lineup of soloists that are coming to Central Oregon to honor America’s preeminent composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein. The Festival, running August 10-22 in Sunriver and Bend, is joining orchestras around the nation in celebrating the 100th birthday of Bernstein.

2018 SOLOISTS FOR “LEONARD BERNSTEIN AT 100: A CELEBRATION”

MOUNTAIN DULCIMER MASTER STEPHEN SEIFERT – Stephen is one of the most unique artists this season to grace the festival stage. An American folk musician and virtuoso Appalachian dulcimer player, Stephen has released many educational videos about dulcimer playing. He teaches and performs with orchestras around the country and will be featured at the Sunriver Music Festival in the “Blackberry Winter” dulcimer concerto on Wednesday, August 15 at the Sunriver Resort’s Great Hall.

CLARINETIST BENJAMIN LULICH – Benjamin Lulich is Principal Clarinet of the Seattle Symphony and of the Sunriver Music Festival. He has also held positions in many orchestras throughout the country and performs with the Hollywood Studio Orchestra on numerous films. The recipient of many awards and prizes (including the Sunriver Music Festival’s Young Artists Scholarship for six years!), Lulich studied at Interlochen Arts Academy, Cleveland Institute of Music, and Yale School of Music. Benjamin will be the featured soloist in the Mozart Clarinet Concerto in A major on Sunday, August 12 at the Sunriver Resort’s Great Hall.

PIANIST DREW PETERSEN – 24-year-old Drew Petersen is the winner of the 2017 American Pianists Awards and the Christel DeHaan Fellowship of the American Pianists Association. At age five, he presented at Carnegie Hall’s Weill Recital Hall and by age ten he was performing a solo recital at Steinway Hall for the company’s 150th Anniversary. Drew was a prizewinner in the Leeds International Piano Competition, the Hilton Head International Piano Competition, Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition, and the New York Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition. Drew will be the featured soloist in Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue on Friday, August 10 at the Tower Theatre.

PIANIST KENNY BROBERG - The first musician in his family, 23-year-old Broberg won the silver medal at the 15th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2017. As a Cliburn medalist he has completed a recital tour in Hawaii, and returned to his alma mater, the

University of Houston, for its annual Texas Music Festival. Broberg was also a prizewinner of the Hastings, Sydney, Seattle, and New Orleans International Piano Competitions. He has previously performed as soloist with the Royal Philharmonic, Minnesota, Sydney Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Dallas Chamber, Fort Worth Symphony, and the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestras. Kenny will be the featured soloist in the Mozart Piano Concerto in G major on Wednesday, August 22 and he will be the solo performer in the Solo Piano Concert on Sunday, August 19. Both concerts will be held at the Sunriver Resort's Great Hall.

INTERNATIONAL VOCAL SOLOISTS - Four outstanding singers will bring vocal magic to the Festival's Pops Concert, Friday, August 17, in Bend. They will perform stage songs with symphonic dances from these Bernstein Classics: West Side Story, Trouble in Tahiti, On the Town, and Candide.

- **SOPRANO COURTNEY HUFFMAN** is recognized as a captivating and inspiring artist and has performed worldwide including a special tour of South China. A native of Redmond, Oregon, and an award-winning artist, she has sung with the Long Beach Opera, the Center of Contemporary Opera in Avignon (France), the Center for Contemporary Opera, Intimate Opera Company, Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra, and the Aspen Opera Theater.
- **MEZZO-SOPRANO HANNAH PENN** enjoys a diverse career as a performer of opera, oratorio, and recital literature. Frequently praised for her musicality and the timbre of her voice, Ms. Penn has recently been called "...a major talent", and "...an intelligent and wonderfully musical singer" by Portland's Willamette Week. She has sung more than twenty operatic roles with Glimmerglass Opera, Florida Grand Opera, Portland Opera, Tacoma Opera, and other companies.
- **TENOR DAVID GUSTAFSON** is internationally recognized for his robust, expressive voice. He made his San Francisco Opera debut in 2010 with Placido Domingo. He has sung with the Eugene Opera, Opera San Luis Obispo, San Francisco Opera, and performed an operatic concert debut in Tokyo. A frequent oratorio singer, Gustafson has sung numerous masses. In addition, he sang the world premiere, presented by Eugene Symphony, of Robert Kyr's Symphony No. 9 as well as its European premiere, in Denmark.
- **BARITONE ZACHARY LENNOX** has received rave reviews for his "...broad, resonant baritone that is exquisitely controlled throughout his entire range." Zachary has performed leading roles across North America. He has performed with the Portland Opera, Cascade Chamber Opera, and Tacoma Opera. He has been a young artist with the Boston Early Music Festival, Napa Music Festival, Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, the Toronto Summer Opera Workshop, and Astoria Music Festival.

Want to host a musician this summer? Each August, local families in the Sunriver/Bend area open their homes to provide temporary housing for festival musicians. Many hosts are local residents who just love music and musicians. Hosting musicians is a rewarding experience and builds lasting friendships. For complete information on hosting an artist, visit: <https://www.sunrivermusic.org/musician-hosting>

Tickets are now on sale for the season. To purchase tickets or to see full details of the complete 41st season, visit the Festival website: www.sunrivermusic.org. You can also call the Festival Ticket Office at 541-593-9310 for tickets.

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