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Princeton Symphony Orchestra's PSO POPS! The Holiday Concert

Featuring
The Princeton High School Choir,
The New Jersey Tap Ensemble
and the Annual Sing-Along

Saturday, December 19th, 2009 at 4:00 pm
Richardson Auditorium, Princeton, NJ

Ryan McAdams, Guest Conductor

Tickets: \$35, Adults. \$20, Students

Princeton, NJ, November 30, 2009... On **Saturday, December 19 at 4:00 pm**, Princeton's historic Richardson Hall will be bursting with energy as music lovers of all ages eagerly await Princeton Symphony Orchestra's Annual Holiday Concert. A cherished tradition in Princeton, the Holiday Concert brings families together to celebrate the season with some of the most beloved holiday music. The PSO welcomes **Ryan McAdams**, Music Director of the New York Youth Symphony who returns for a second year in a row, as well as the award-winning **Princeton High School Choir**, led by **Vincent Metallo**, and the **New Jersey Tap Ensemble**.

This joyous musical celebration will stir your warmest memories with treasured holiday favorites, symphonic classics and PSO's annual carol sing-along. You'll feel the sparkling glow of a snow covered winter's day listening to the PSO perform Leroy Anderson's festive ***Sleigh Ride***. The New Jersey Tap Ensemble's tapping soldiers will leap to life, dancing in full regalia to the trumpet fanfares and grand march of Victor Herbert's ***March of the Toys*** from "**Babes in Toyland**." In true Viennese style, the orchestra will salute the coming New Year with music by Johann Strauss. Strauss' overture to ***Die Fledermaus*** will charm concertgoers with its sweet melodies and bouncy rhythms; his ***Kaiser Walzer*** will evoke the pomp and majesty of imperial Vienna. The PSO will also play Vaughn Williams' ***Fantasia on Greensleeves***, based on an old English Folk song whose wistful glowing melody is the basis for a best loved Christmas carol. Also on the program is the playful, humorous Scherzo from Tchaikovsky's ***Symphony No. 4***. The Princeton High School Choir will

sing the sweet, fresh harmonies of *Welcome, All Wonders in One Sight*, by Jonathan Dove, and will be accompanied by the orchestra for Haydn's magnificent choral drama *Te Deum*, a hymn of praise and thanks in keeping with the gifts of the season. To cap off the evening, the entire audience will join in to sing along to Anderson's *A Christmas Festival*. This special and memorable concert has something for everyone and will delight the entire family. Sign up before tickets are gone! **For tickets and information call (609) 497-0020.**

PSO proudly salutes Fidelity Investments for six years of continuous Holiday Pops sponsorship! As part of their sponsorship, Fidelity is underwriting tickets for children from the Trenton Afterschool Program, Homefront and others associated with PSO's *BRAVO!*.

Ticket Information

All seating is non-assigned. Adults: \$35, Students, \$20: Purchase tickets by calling the PSO at (609) 497-0020, or the Richardson box office (609) 258-5000. Special pricing for group sales is now available through the PSO. Secure online ordering is available at www.princeton.edu/richaud. Visit www.princetonsymphony.org for complete season details. Richardson Auditorium is wheelchair accessible. Large print programs are available.

About Ryan McAdams, conductor

Currently the 15th Music Director of the New York Youth Symphony, twenty-seven year old conductor **Ryan McAdams** is quickly establishing himself as one of the most exciting and versatile conductors of his generation. A Fulbright scholar and Juilliard honors graduate, he previously served as Apprentice Conductor of the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic under the tutelage of Chief Conductor, and Music Director-Designate of the New York Philharmonic, Alan Gilbert.

Highlights of his 2009-2010 season include appearances with the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, New York City Opera, Princeton Symphony, Tanglewood Music Festival, and Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, in addition to his three Carnegie Hall performances with the NYYS. Mr. McAdams will make his subscription European debut in February, 2010, with the orchestra of the Maggio Musicale in Florence. He will return to Italy in 2011 for concerts with the Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale RAI in Turin.

About Vincent Metallo

Vincent Metallo has distinguished himself in recent years as an eagerly sought after conductor, singer and music educator. Currently in his second year as Director of the Princeton High School Choral Department, Metallo has held the positions of Chair of the Performing Arts at the Princeton Day School, Artistic Director of the American Boychoir and Assistant Professor of Music at Westminster Choir College, DePauw University, Wellesley College and Lehigh University.

Metallo has collaborated on numerous performances with the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Boston Symphony Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and New York Collegium. Mr. Metallo has toured throughout the United States, US Virgin Islands, Japan, Latvia, Sweden and Denmark for over 700 performances.

About The Princeton High School Choir

The Princeton High School Choir has an unusually rich tradition of choral excellence that is unique among American high schools. The choir has performed extensively in North America and Europe, touring as representatives of Princeton, New Jersey. One of six performing ensembles, the 83 members of the choir are selected after careful audition of nearly two hundred voices in the high school's choral program.

The choir has received numerous awards and honors, including first prize at the 1994 Festival of Gold in Washington, D.C., second prize at the 1984 International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna, and the "Best in Class" designation at the 1981 convention of the American Choral Directors' Association in New Orleans.

About New Jersey Tap Ensemble

New Jersey Tap Ensemble is New Jersey's first statewide non-profit tap dance company. Founded by professional tap dancer Deborah Mitchell in 1994, the organization's mission is to preserve and perpetuate the art form of rhythm tap dancing through the development of new tap works, concert performances, community outreach and programs in arts education. This ethnically diverse company is made up primarily of New Jersey artists that represent more than half of the state's 21 counties. Known for its artistic excellence in performance, as well as its development of tap artists, New Jersey Tap Ensemble serves as a training ground for those who want to reach a level of proficiency beyond the dance school experience, and as a performance venue for the creative development of the accomplished dancer. Some have already launched professional careers and have appeared in such

well-known productions as *Riverdance*, *Play On!*, and *Sesame Street*. Originally based in Newark, NJ, the company is now located in Bloomfield, NJ. The dancers are in residence at Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts in Montclair, NJ where they rehearse under the artistic direction of Ms. Mitchell and the musical direction of Leonard Oxley.

The PSO Pops! series will continue on **Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium** with *The Broadway Concert*. This year the PSO will celebrate **The Great American Songbook**, an extraordinary collection of irresistible hit songs from some of the greatest composers for American theater, including Gershwin, Rogers, Porter and more. Performing with the PSO will be baritone William Michals, the star of PSO's sold-out Spring'09 benefit, soprano Teri Dale Hansen and guest conductor Gerald Steichen.

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