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## **Arkansas Symphony to Open Concert Season with Sorcerer's Apprentice, Mozart, and Stravinsky**

**Little Rock, ARK, September 6, 2018** - The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Philip Mann, Music Director and Conductor, opens the 2018-2019 Stella Boyle Smith Masterworks season with *Opening Night: Sorcerer's Apprentice*, Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Robinson Center. *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, Paul Dukas's composition featured prominently in the Disney film *Fantasia*, opens the concert. Guest soloist David Fung takes the stage for Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20, and the concert ends with Stravinsky's suite from the ballet *Petrushka*. The Masterworks Series is sponsored by the Stella Boyle Smith Trust. *Opening Night: The Sorcerer's Apprentice* is sponsored by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guild.

All patrons are invited to Concert Conversations, a pre-concert lecture in the Upper Tier Lobby an hour before each Masterworks concert. These talks feature insights from the Maestro and guest artists, and musical examples to enrich the concert experience. Attendance to Concert Conversations is free to any patron with a ticket to *Opening Night: Sorcerer's Apprentice*.

Tickets are \$16, \$36, \$57, and \$68; active duty military and student tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at [www.ArkansasSymphony.org](http://www.ArkansasSymphony.org); at the Robinson Center street-level box office beginning 90 minutes prior to a concert; or by phone at 501-666-1761, ext. 100. All Arkansas students grades K-12 are admitted to Sunday's matinee free of charge with the purchase of an adult ticket using the Entergy Kids' Ticket, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassymphony.org/freekids>.

### **Artists**

David Fung, piano

(bio: <https://www.arkansassymphony.org/david-fung>)

Philip Mann, conductor

(bio: <https://www.arkansassymphony.org/the-orchestra/philip-mann>)

### **Program**

DUKAS	<i>The Sorcerer's Apprentice</i>
MOZART	Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor, K. 466
STRAVINSKY	<i>Petrushka</i>

### **About Arkansas Symphony Orchestra**

*The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 53rd full season in 2018-2019, under the leadership of Music Director Philip Mann. ASO is the resident orchestra of Robinson Center Music Hall, to which the ASO returned in November of 2016 after a two-year renovation of the historic structure. ASO performs*

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*more than sixty concerts each year for more than 165,000 people through its Stella Boyle Smith Masterworks Series, ACXIOM Pops LIVE! Series, River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series, Intimate Neighborhood Concerts, and numerous concerts performed around the state of Arkansas, in addition to serving central Arkansas through community outreach programs and bringing live symphonic music education to over 26,000 school children and over 200 schools. ASO is a member of the League of American Orchestras.*

For more information about the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra call 501-666-1761 or visit [www.ArkansasSymphony.org](http://www.ArkansasSymphony.org)

Program notes, artist bios and high resolution headshots available upon request.

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