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Musician Honored in Concert for 20th Year as Concertmaster of Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

Little Rock, ARK, Oct. 23, 2018 - The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Philip Mann, Music Director and Conductor, presents the second concert of the 2018-2019 River Rhapsodies Chamber Music season with *Laskarov Plays Brahms*, Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton Presidential Center. Kiril Laskarov is the featured artist in an all-Brahms program celebrating the musician's 20th year as ASO Concertmaster. ASO musicians will join Laskarov to perform Brahms's Violin Sonata No. 1 and Piano Quartet in G minor.

"20 years in the concertmaster chair is an extraordinary accomplishment, and a contribution to Arkansas's cultural life of significant note," said Philip Mann, Music Director and Conductor of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. "The ASO has benefited immensely from Kiril's artistry and leadership, and our audiences and great state join me in thanking Kiril for his myriad gifts."

"I am truly honored to have served as concertmaster for 20 years, doing what I love and sharing my passion for music with wonderful colleagues and enthusiastic audiences," said Laskarov.

The inaugural Symphony Local festival will continue with a casual pre-concert presentation on American violin-making by local luthier and ASO violist, Joe Joyner. The presentation, scheduled for 6:00 p.m., is located in the lobby space of the Clinton Presidential Center's Great Hall, and the cash bar will be open.

River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Concerts are held in the intimate setting of the Clinton Presidential Center's Great Hall. A cash bar is open before the concert and at intermission, and patrons are invited to carry drinks into the concert. The Media Sponsor for the River Rhapsodies Chamber Music Series is UA Little Rock Public Radio.

General Admission tickets are \$23; active duty military and student tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at www.ArkansasSymphony.org; at the Clinton Presidential Center beginning 60 minutes prior to a concert; or by phone at 501-666-1761, ext. 1.

Artists

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Tatiana Roitman, piano
Tze-Ying Wu, viola
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Program

BRAHMS Violin Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Op. 78 "Regensong"
Kiril Laskarov, violin; Tatiana Roitman, piano

BRAHMS Piano Quartet in G minor, Op. 25
*Kiril Laskarov, violin; Tze-Ying Wu, viola; Ethan Young, cello;
Tatiana Roitman, piano*

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 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

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

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