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FEDERAL WAY SYMPHONY TO PRESENT 2017-18 SEASON DEBUT AT THE NEW FEDERAL WAY PERFORMING ARTS AND EVENT CENTER OCTOBER 7TH AND 8TH

Federal Way, WA. October 3, 2017 — The Federal Way Symphony, which had long performed at St. Luke's Church in Federal Way, opens their 2017-2018 season at the new Federal Way Performing Arts and Event Center Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th. Under the direction of Maestro A. Brian Davenport, the Symphony will present selections including Shostakovich, Festive Overture; Tchaikovsky, Piano Concerto No. 1, with soloist Anastasia Dedik; and Beethoven, Symphony No. 9, featuring Symphony Singers, Federal Way Chorale (Laird M. Thornton, Director) and Boeing Employees Choir (David Chrysler, Director). The concert also features vocalists Alexandra Picard, Soprano; Rachelle Moss, Alto; Tim Janecke, Tenor; and Laird M. Thornton, Bass.

ABOUT SOLOIST ANASTASIA DEDIK, PIANO

Anastasia has performed on some of the most important stages in the world, including the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, the Paganini Conservatory in Genoa, the Palazzo Farnese in Piacenza, Teatro Comunale, San Remo and

appeared on RAI (the largest Italian television Network) in Italy. She has also performed at The Great Philharmonic Hall, St. Petersburg, Russia, and the Rachmaninoff Hall in Moscow.

Anastasia is a first-prize winner of the 2001 “Ennio Porrino” International Piano Competition, Italy, 2005 Russian International Piano Competition, the 2006 Lee Biennial Piano Competition, the 2006 Rovero d’Oro International Piano Competition, Italy, the 2007 Buono and Bradshaw International Piano Competition, New York, Cliburn Institute/Piano Texas Concerto Competition, 2007, Asti International Piano Competition, 2007 Italy, the Pietro Argento International Piano Competition, Italy, 2009, New York Concert Artists & Associates International Piano Competition, 2010, and Bosendorfer International Piano Competition, 2011, Tempe, Arizona.

Tickets for the Federal Way Symphony Premier Debut range from \$39 to \$50 (with special ticket pricing for Seniors, students and youth under age 10) and can be purchased online at www.fwpaec.org, by calling 253-835-7010 or visiting the Patron Services office Tuesday through Saturday 12 – 6 PM at 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way South, Federal Way, WA 98003.

ABOUT MAESTRO A. BRIAN DAVENPORT

Born in Walla Walla, Washington, Maestro A. Brian Davenport began his interest in music at the age of four. After obtaining his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in

Music from Harvard, he spent three years in Paris, France, studying music under the famous Nadia Boulanger, and conducting in Monte Carlo under the tutelage of Igor Markevitch.

He has conducted orchestras in countries throughout the world, including China, Scandinavia, Germany, and Ukraine. In 1990, he conducted the Federal Way Symphony in the opening sellout performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony for the Goodwill Games. He also conducted the world premiere of Handel's Messiah in Russian in the city of Kazan.

About the Federal Way Symphony:

Now in its 38th season, the Federal Way Symphony is a paid, professional orchestra under the direction of Maestro A. Brian Davenport, its Music Director for more than 30 years. Each year, the Federal Way Symphony presents a season concert series, featuring music from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern periods, as well as special concerts and events: jazz, popular, choral, holiday and educational programs.

Venue Information:

The Performing Arts & Event Center opened August of 2017 as the South King County premier center for entertainment in the region. The 716-seat, two-tiered theatre hosts a variety of live performances, community events and education programs for all ages. This beautiful South King County location, just 20 minutes



south of SeaTac, is perfect for business, educational, and private events. This is an ideal event venue for full-service trade shows, corporate trainings, conventions, events, meetings, and banquets.

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