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THE BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY KEITH LOCKHART PERFORMS “THE VERY BEST OF THE BOSTON POPS”

FORT LAUDERDALE –The **Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra** conducted by **Keith Lockhart** will perform a special concert drawn from the rich variety of American music enjoyed during the nearly 130-season history of the orchestra. *The Very Best of the Boston Pops* sponsored by Fidelity Investments brings “America’s Orchestra” to South Florida on **Monday, February 9 at 8 p.m.** in the Au-Rene Theater in a concert underwritten by Jacquelyn and Bruce Rogow.

The audience will experience the majesty of Dvořák and Copland, swing with Ellington and Gershwin, get a little crazy with Queen, and soar with the film music of John Williams. In addition, audience-favorite pianist Michael Chertock joins the Pops for a performance of George Gershwin's “I Got Rhythm Variations.”

“The repertoire of the Boston Pops contains thousands of arrangements written expressly for the orchestra,” Lockhart says. “Every arrangement should fit our virtuoso orchestra like a glove and should also fit the original material like a glove. We are fortunate to work with the best arrangers in the business and they make us sound great performing music from any era.”

Since 1885, the Boston Pops has cultivated an impressive library of music reflecting over a century of America's wide-ranging musical tastes. This vast collection, virtually all of which is the exclusive domain of the Boston Pops, includes everything from Beatles medleys, college fight songs, American songbook classics, film music and Broadway scores for full orchestra, to jazz standards, full-length symphonies, sing-alongs for every occasion and contemporary pop hits, as well as original works commissioned especially for the one and only Boston Pops Orchestra.

“We try to choose programs that will resonate with everyone in our audience,” explains Lockhart. “I always say I would love to have everyone in attendance think there was at least one piece I chose just to please them.”

This season, Lockhart is celebrating his 20th anniversary leading the beloved ensemble and his enthusiasm has not waned.

“When we play anywhere in the country, or around the world, I am always amazed at the personal connection people feel with this organization - it is *their* orchestra,” Lockhart enthuses. “It's great to play anywhere and still feel as if you're playing for the ‘hometown crowd!’”

Concertgoers are invited to join Broward Center’s Arts Ambassador Lyn Farmer one hour prior to the performance in which the music historian and James Beard Award-winning wine and food writer incorporates an art discussion, musical examples and a wine tasting into an entertaining pre-concert presentation complimentary to ticket holders.

Remaining performances in the 2014-15 Classical Series include: violinist Itzhak Perlman with pianist Rohan De Silva (March 23) and Australian Chamber Orchestra with clarinetist Martin Fröst (April 22).

Tickets are \$40-\$135 with Club Level tickets available for \$145. Student tickets are \$15. Group discounts are available, call 954.660.6307 for information. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or, Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

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