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## **THE 2014-2015 BROWARD CENTER CLASSICAL SEASON KICKS OFF WITH JOSHUA BELL AND ALESSIO BAX ON PIANO**

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – The 2014-15 Broward Center Classical Series begins when Grammy Award-winning violinist **Joshua Bell** and pianist Alessio Bax perform on **Saturday, November 1 at 8 p.m.** in the Au-Rene Theater.

The highly acclaimed violinist opens the series with a recital program that will dazzle and delight. Called by the *New York Times* “one of the world’s most popular classical musicians,” Bell is that rare musician and performer who is both highly regarded by his peers and also widely-known and admired by the general public.

Known for his charm and musical passion, Bell is also an acclaimed conductor and music director of the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. Bell is the only the second person to hold this post since Sir Neville Marriner formed the orchestra in 1958. Their first recording under Bell's leadership, of Beethoven's 4th and 7th symphonies from Sony Classical, debuted at #1 on *Billboard's* Classical chart. Bell's recording of the Bach violin concertos with the orchestrawas recently released to coincide with the October 2014 airing of the HBO documentary special *Joshua Bell: A YoungArts Masterclass*.

Joshua Bell has recorded more than 40 CDs garnering numerous Mercury, Grammy, Gramophone and Echo Klassik awards. His discography encompasses both critically-acclaimed performances of the major classical violin repertoire as well as popular music including John Corigliano's Oscar-winning soundtrack, *The Red Violin*.

Bell's career has now spanned over 30 years as a soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and conductor. He is an outspoken advocate for classical music and keeping music education in schools. In this vein, Bell will host a student workshop with lecture, demonstration and discussion from 5 to 6 p.m. on November 1. Complimentary with the purchase of ticket to the evening performance, the workshop offers a unique opportunity for students in grades 5-12 and undergraduates to engage and interact with one of the finest musicians in the world. Students are invited to attend Bell's concert at a discounted ticket price to gain a deeper and richer understanding of the music, the artist and the performance.

Ticketholders 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.

Tickets are \$35, \$45, \$55, \$65, \$75 and \$115 Club Level seating. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at [BrowardCenter.org](http://BrowardCenter.org) or, [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com); by phone at 800.745.3000 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are

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