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SYMPHONY OF THE AMERICAS PRESENTS SUMMERFEST AT THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Symphony of the Americas will present Summerfest, its 25th anniversary summer music festival, in the Amaturo Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, July 17 at 6 p.m.

Under the baton of Symphony Artistic Director, Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, this festival will highlight the “Best of the Best” performed by the Summerfest Chamber Orchestra, which features musicians and soloists who have participated in this Festival over the past 25 years. Orchestra members represent more than 10 countries and, in addition to principal musicians of the Symphony of the Americas, represent such companies as the Arpeggione Chamber Orchestra of Austria, the Mission Chamber Orchestra of Rome, Hungarian Virtuosi, Italy’s I Musici and more. Soloists in the performance at the Broward Center include: Concertmaster Orlando and Svetlana Forte, violin; Marilyn Maingart, flute; Sandro Tigishvili, violin; and Lorenzo Turchi-Floris, piano.

The program at the Broward Center features classical and popular music for strings by Vivaldi, Mozart and Fuchs. Georgian violinist Sandro Tigishvili will present his string arrangement of the Concertino by Georgian composer Otar Taktakishvili, which the Symphony of the Americas commissioned for this 25th anniversary festival. The concert will also feature a premiere by Italian composer Lorenzo Turchi-Floris.

The Symphony of the Americas is a Broward County designated Major Cultural Institution and the Broward Center is its performance home. During Summerfest, from July 9 – August 10, the orchestra will perform throughout Florida and the Americas during activities which include concerts and master classes. Summerfest educational outreach includes traveling to audiences in corners of the world which have never before experienced the exhilaration of live orchestral performance.

Summerfest is sponsored in part by Riverside Hotel, AVIS, Wells Fargo, Helen Ingham Foundation, Broward Cultural Council & Board of County Commissioners, Funding Arts Broward, Madelyn Savarick Trust, Il Circolo Italian Cultural Society and WLRN.

Tickets are \$20 and \$35 with \$60 VIP tickets which include preferred seating and post-show reception. 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; 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.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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All dates, programs and artists are subject to change.

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About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America’s premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.