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**IT'S CLASSICAL WITH A TWIST DURING  
AN INTERACTIVE EVENING OF DRAMA & VIRTUOSITY  
WITH SYMPHONIA BOCA RATON WITH JAN MRACEK  
CONDUCTED BY JAMES JUDD**

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – A pre-concert discussion and wine tasting kicks off an evening of classical music with a twist as musicians and the audience interact in **Symphonia Boca Raton with Jan Mracek: Drama & Virtuosity** conducted by James Judd on Thursday, December 8 at 8 p.m. in the Amaturio Theater of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Classical with A Twist offerings invite music lovers to kick off their heels, loosen their ties and get ready for an up-close and casual experience with classical. While the music will be traditional, the experience will be unconventional. The boundaries that normally delineate the stage from the house will disappear with interaction between the artists and the audience throughout the evening.

Led by James Judd and featuring award-winning Czech violinist Jan Mracek, the Symphonia, Boca Raton will perform two of the most important works of the classical repertoire, Schubert's "Symphony No. 4" and the Brahms Violin Concerto.

Schubert's "Tragic" Symphony, written when he was only 19 years old, is filled with intensity and rhythmic energy as well as exquisite lyricism and poetic eloquence. The Brahms Violin Concerto, with its majestic and dramatic opening movement, its profoundly beautiful slow movement and its exuberant Hungarian gypsy finale, is one of the greatest and most difficult violin concertos in the repertoire.

One hour prior to the performance, the Broward Center's resident music historian, Lyn Farmer, along with Judd and members of the orchestra, will provide an engaging pre-show lecture that combines a wine tasting and musical examples to help heighten audience members' understanding and appreciation of the performance to come.

Classical with A Twist returns January 12 as the Amernet String Quartet performs in a cabaret-style evening of short sections of music, conversation and video accompaniment.

Tickets are \$ 25. 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 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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One of America's premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events. Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL, spectacular riverfront views for special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves 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](http://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.

**CALENDAR BRIEF: Symphonia Boca Raton with Jan Mracek: Drama & Virtuosity conducted by James Judd** offers classical with a twist as the orchestra performs Schubert's 4th Symphony and the Brahms Violin Concerto in an experience where the boundaries that normally delineate the stage disappear and the artists and the audience interact. The concert is presented on **Thursday, December 8 at 8 p.m.** in the Amaturio Theater of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$25. 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 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.