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### **Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Announces 2016-17 Season Celebrating Maestro Peter Rubardt's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

PENSACOLA, FL – The Pensacola Symphony announces the 2016-17 season as we celebrate Maestro Peter Rubardt's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The season has been carefully curated by the Maestro to showcase many of his favorite artists and pieces.

Audience members can expect the typical flash and fanfare of 'Opening Night' on October 1 with young dynamic artist Bella Hristova performing the Sibelius Violin Concerto. The concert also includes *Three Slavonic Dances* by Antonín Dvořák, and works by Ravel and Debussy.

November 5 brings the first of two Van Cliburn Piano Competition gold medalists to the Saenger Stage: Alexander Kobrin. The program will feature C.P.E. Bach's Symphony in D Major, Stravinsky's *Pulcinella Suite*, and Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2.

The PSO will 'Celebrate the New Year' on December 31 with incredible jazz trombonist, Wycliffe Gordon, who has come to be where he is today performing with the legendary Wynton Marsalis.

2017 will start off with the annual 'Beethoven & Blue Jeans' concert on January 14, featuring Rossini's *William Tell Overture*, De Falla's *Ritual Fire Dance*, and the second of our Van Cliburn Piano Competition pianists, Jon Nakamatsu, who will be making his 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance with the PSO. Most recently, he performed *Rhapsody in Blue* with the orchestra at the opening of the new season following the two-year renovation of the Saenger Theatre.

The Pops! goes to the movies on February 11 with our favorite film music of John Williams conducted by Maestro Rubardt.

March 3 will showcase the largest orchestra of the season, and the largest piece as a whole, with the performance of 'Mahler Symphony No. 3'. This concert will be a collaboration with other community groups including the Pensacola Children's Chorus and the UWF Women's Chorus. The performance will also feature special guest, mezzo-soprano Susan Platts.

'Russian Spectacular' on April 1 will feature guest conductor, William Eddins of the Edmonton Symphony in Alberta Canada. Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, Rimsky-Korsakov's Suite from *Mlada* and Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances* round out this annual audience favorite.

The season will come to a close with 'Bernstein & Beethoven' on April 29. The program will open with a piece by visiting composer Richard Danielpour titled *Celestial Night*. Guest violinist, Frank Almond will perform Bernstein *Serenade (After Plato's Symposium)*, a piece Danielpour had been shown by Leonard Bernstein himself, will follow. The season will come to its ultimate finale with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7

Season tickets are available now at [pensacolasymphony.com](http://pensacolasymphony.com) or by phone at (850) 435-2533. Single Tickets will go on sale on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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## CALENDER AND EVENT EDITOR 2016-17 Season

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<b>Who:</b>	Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Peter Rubardt, Conductor
<b>When:</b>	October 1, 2016 at 7:30pm – Opening Night November 5, 2016 at 7:30pm – Kobrin Plays Brahms December 31, 2016 at 7:00pm – Celebrate the New Year January 14, 2017 at 7:30pm – Beethoven & Blue Jeans February 11, 2017 at 7:30pm – Movie Music of John Williams March 3, 2017 at 7:30pm – Mahler Symphony No. 3 April 1, 2017 at 7:30pm – Russian Spectacular April 29, 2017 at 7:30pm – Bernstein & Beethoven
<b>Where:</b>	Saenger Theatre, Downtown Pensacola
<b>Tickets:</b>	Season Tickets available now. Single Tickets on sale September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 at 10:00am  To order call 850-435-2533 or purchase online at pensacolasymphony.com.
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