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Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Announces Opening of the 91st Season

PENSACOLA, FL – The Pensacola Symphony announces the opening of the 2016-17 season and the celebration of Maestro Peter Rubardt's 20th anniversary with the orchestra. Opening Night is October 1, 2016 at 7:30pm at the historic Saenger Theatre in Downtown Pensacola.

The program begins with exciting selections from Antonin Dvorak's Slavonic Dances. Young artist, Bella Hristova, will conclude the first half with the enchanting Violin Concerto of Jean Sibelius. An exquisite pair of pieces by Maurice Ravel and Claude Debussy will close out the program.

The Washington Post calls Hristova "a player with impressive power and control" and Music Web International writes "Hristova combines jaw-dropping technical prowess with real style" following the release of her first recording.

Maestro Peter Rubardt will celebrate 20 years conducting the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra this season. Patrons can expect to see a variety of exhilarating music and incredible guest artists throughout the 2016-17 season.

Tickets go on sale September 12th and start at \$22. Season Subscriptions are still available. For more information, please visit pensacolasymphony.com or call the PSO office at (850) 435-2533.

The Opening Night Guest Artist Sponsor is AccuStaff. The official hotel sponsor of the Pensacola Symphony is Solé Inn and Suites. Guest Artist Accommodations provided by Hilton Garden Inn on Airport. The official automobile sponsor of the Pensacola Symphony is Centennial Imports. The official catering sponsor is Culinary Productions. Media sponsors include Cox Communications, Pensacola Magazine, Emerald Coast Magazine, Pensacola News Journal, WUWF 88.1 FM, WEAR ABC 3, Independent News, and Cat Country 98.7/News Radio 1620.

CALENDER AND EVENT EDITOR

Opening Night!

- Who:** Pensacola Symphony Orchestra
Peter Rubardt, Conductor
Bella Hristova, Violin
- When:** **Masterworks Concert: Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 7:30pm**
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 1:30pm (\$5)
- Where:** Saenger Theatre, Downtown Pensacola
- Tickets:** \$22- \$94. To order call 850-435-2533 or purchase online at pensacolasymphony.com.
- Program:** DVOŘÁK - Three Slavonic Dances, Op. 46, Nos. 1,2, & 7
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featuring Bella Hristova, violin
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