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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

**LAURA OSNES TO APPEAR WITH SANTINO FONTANA
IN NSO HOLIDAY POPS CONCERTS ON
DECEMBER 9 AND 10, 2016**

(WASHINGTON)—Broadway actress and singer Laura Osnes will appear with the NSO Pops in three performances—Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, 2016—at the Kennedy Center, replacing previously announced Laura Benanti, who has withdrawn due to her pregnancy. Osnes joins Santino Fontana, with whom she has collaborated frequently, most notably in Rodgers + Hammerstein’s *Cinderella* on Broadway, for these family-friendly concerts led by NSO Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke.

Tickets to all three performances shows are available.

Laura Osnes was last seen on Broadway as the title role in Rodgers + Hammerstein’s *Cinderella* (Drama Desk Award; Tony®, Outer Critics Circle, Drama League and Astaire Award nominations). She also starred in *Bonnie and Clyde* (Tony Award® nomination), creating the role at Asolo Repertory Theatre and La Jolla Playhouse (San Diego Theatre Critics Circle Award). She appeared as Hope Harcourt in the Tony Award®-winning revival of *Anything Goes* (Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and Astaire Award nominations) and Nellie Forbush in Lincoln Center Theater’s production of *South Pacific*, and made her Broadway debut as Sandy in the most recent revival of *Grease*. Other New York/regional credits include the Broadway-bound musical *The Bandstand* at Paper Mill Playhouse; *The Threepenny Opera* (Drama Desk Award nomination) at the Atlantic Theater Company; City Center Encores! productions of *The Band Wagon*, Randy Newman’s *Faust*, and *Pipe Dream*; *The Sound of Music* in concert at Carnegie Hall; *Carousel* opposite Steven Pasquale at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and *Broadway: Three Generations* at the Kennedy Center. On television, she has been seen on the CBS series *Elementary*, in the HBO pilot *The Miraculous Year*, *Sondheim: The Birthday Concert at Avery Fisher Hall*, HBO’s documentary *Six By Sondheim*, and the Kennedy Center Honors salutes to Barbara Cook (2011) and Dustin Hoffman (2012).

Osnes’s many concerts and cabarets include performing with Michael Feinstein, the New York Philharmonic, The New York Pops, The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, The Boston Pops, and the

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Pasadena Pops, as well as appearing in such venues as Carnegie Hall, The Café Carlyle, 54 Below, Lincoln Center, NJPAC, The Smith Center in Las Vegas, and Minnesota’s Orchestra Hall. In addition to being heard on several cast recordings, Osnes has two solo albums, *Dream A Little Dream: Live at The Café Carlyle* and *If I Tell You: The Songs of Maury Yeston*.

Complete concert details follow:

Friday, December 9, 2016, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 10, 2016, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Kennedy Center Concert Hall

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Holiday Pops!

Steven Reineke, conductor

Laura Osnes, vocalist

Santino Fontana, vocalist

The Washington Chorus

TICKET INFORMATION

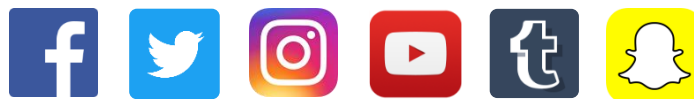
Tickets are available online at kennedy-center.org, in person at the Kennedy Center Box Office, and by calling (202) 467-4600 or (800) 444-1324.

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