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NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM FOR SHIFT FESTIVAL CONCERT LED BY GIANANDREA NOSEDA

All-Russian Program Dedicated to Memory of Baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky

Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 8 p.m.
Tickets Available Now

(WASHINGTON)—The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) program for the 2018 SHIFT Festival of American Orchestras has been changed, due to the recent death of baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky, who had been scheduled to appear as soloist. NSO Music Director Gianandrea Noseda leads the all-Russian program, which will now be dedicated to Hvorostovsky’s memory.

Program:
STRAVINSKY (after Pergolesi) Pulcinella
BALAKIREV (orch. Casella) Islamey
RACHMANINOFF (orch. Respighi) 5 Études-Tableaux

“Dima [Dmitri Hvorostovsky] and I met in 2002 at the Metropolitan Opera where I was making my debut and we were working together on War and Peace,” said Maestro Noseda. “Since that time we performed together many times and became dear friends. The NSO and I were looking forward to welcoming him to Washington, D.C. next year. Dima was a true colleague and friend, and also one of the great artists of our time. He
was not only a great artist but an incredible human being. His loss is felt by the entire world. We dedicate this concert to his memory and to the power music can have on our lives.”

The program reflects Noseda’s own Italian heritage and his experience at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he held his first important conducting post. Stravinsky’s *Pulcinella* is a reaction to Italian composer Pergolesi, whose original music was for a commedia dell’arte libretto. Vocal soloists will be announced at a later date. The second half of the program offers solo piano music by Russian composers Mily Balakirev and Sergei Rachmaninoff colorfully orchestrated by Italian composers Alfredo Casella and Ottorino Respighi.

The NSO performance takes place on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Other *SHIFT* Festival programs include the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra on April 10, Albany Symphony on April 11, and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra on April 13. All tickets are $25. In addition, an extensive series of free community events takes place around the city as part of the festival, which runs from April 9–15, 2018. Visit *shiftfestival.org* for details.

The festival’s title, *SHIFT*, recognizes the dynamic, evolving work of orchestras in the 21st century and expresses a commitment to shifting pre-conceived notions about orchestras. Both the Kennedy Center and Washington Performing Arts believe that American orchestras offer a breadth of innovative and creative ideas that create powerful connections with audiences in their local communities, both on stage and off. Accordingly, *SHIFT* provides a platform for orchestras to share a sampling of their best work—to be creative, interesting, and provocative, and to present work that embodies each orchestra’s identity, heritage, standards, and artistic vision.

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TICKET INFORMATION
Tickets ($25) are available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, online at kennedy-center.org, and via phone through Instant Charge, (202) 467-4700; toll-free at (800) 444-1324. For all other ticket-related customer service inquires, call the Advance Sales Box Office at (202) 416-8540.

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For more information about the NSO, visit nationalsymphony.org.

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