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Press Release

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**Steven Reineke leads National Symphony Orchestra in
annual Labor Day weekend concert on the
west lawn of the U.S. Capitol**

Sunday, September 1, at 8 p.m.

(WASHINGTON)—The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO), led by Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke, performs its annual free Labor Day weekend concert on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, Sunday, September 1, at 8:00 p.m. The concert features vocalists Mykal Kilgore and Nova Payton, in a program of popular songs by R&B hitmakers, including Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, James Brown, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, and others. No tickets are required. Gates open to the public at 3:00 p.m. with an open rehearsal at 3:30 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, please call the NSO's Summer Concert Hotline at (202) 416-8114 after 2:30 p.m. on the day of the concert to find out whether the performance will take place at the Capitol, or whether it will move indoors to the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. If the concert moves indoors, there will be no open rehearsal. The concert will be approximately 90 minutes long, with no intermission, at 8:00 p.m.

The NSO's Labor Day Weekend Concert has been a tradition since 1979.

Program details follow.

Sunday Evening, September 1 at 8:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION, NO TICKETS REQUIRED
West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol
Rain Location: Kennedy Center Concert Hall

National Symphony Orchestra
Steven Reineke, conductor

Mykal Kilgore, vocals
NoVa Payton, vocals
Micah Robinson, background vocals
Shacara Rogers, background vocals
Jillian Willis, background vocals

Various, arr. Shoup	The Star Spangled-Banner
Al Green, arr. Shoup	“September Celebration!”
Marvin Gaye/Tammi Terrell	“Let’s Stay Together”
arr. Shoup	“You’re All I Need to Get By”
Aretha Franklin, arr. Shoup	“Respect”
James Brown, arr. Shoup	“Papa’s Feelin’ Good”
Various, arr. Reineke	“River Medley”
Aretha Franklin, arr. Shoup	“Think”
Diana Ross, arr. Tim Berens	“I’m Gonna Make You Love Me”
Jackie Wilson, arr. Tim Berens	“Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher”
Stevie Wonder, arr. Matt Podd	“Sir Duke”
Chaka Khan/ Whitney Houston,	Whitney Houston Medley
arr. Shoup	
Sam Cooke, arr. Reineke	“A Change Is Gonna Come”
Arr. Kessler	Service Medley
arr. Sam Shoup	“America The Beautiful” (Ray Charles version)

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The 2018–2019 season marks the National Symphony Orchestra’s 88th, and Gianandrea Noseda’s second as its music director. The Italian conductor serves as the Orchestra’s seventh music director, joining the NSO’s legacy of such distinguished leaders. Its artistic leadership also includes Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke and Artistic Advisor Ben Folds.

Founded in 1931, the Orchestra has always been committed to artistic excellence and music education. In 1986, the National Symphony became an artistic affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where it performs year-round. The NSO’s community engagement projects are nationally recognized, including NSO In Your Neighborhood, an annual week of approximately 50 performances in schools, churches, community centers, and other unexpected venues; Notes of Honor, which offers free performances for active, veteran, prior service, and retired members of the military and their families; and Sound Health, a collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and its affiliated organizations. Career development opportunities for young musicians include the NSO Youth Fellowship Program and its tuition-free Summer Music Institute. For more information, visit nationalsymphony.org.

Popular offerings have ranged from performances on a barge on the Potomac River, to concerts on the Ellipse, and in National Parks around the greater Washington area. The 2011–2012 season was the first with Steven Reineke as Principal Pops Conductor. NSO popular programming—which ranges in genre from Broadway and American song to jazz and from film scores to Hip Hop to rock ‘n’ roll—takes place at the NSO’s principal performance venues: the NSO’s primary home, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall, Wolf Trap, and the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, with a subscription season featuring a variety of musical genres.

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