

Press Release
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**National Symphony Orchestra Pops Adds Two Spring
Programs: Cynthia Erivo, April 5 And 6
And Iron & Wine, April 30**

**In the Kennedy Center Concert Hall
Tickets On Sale Now to Members; February 13 to General Public**

(WASHINGTON)—“Her voice is like silk, from the top to the bottom,” said Jennifer Hudson of the fearless and feisty Tony[®], Emmy[®], and Grammy[®] Award-winning vocalist **Cynthia Erivo**. Celebrate the strengths of womanhood with as Erivo gives voice to music made famous by the greatest female singers of all time including Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone, and Ella Fitzgerald. Erivo joins the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) for *Legendary Women’s Voices: An Evening with Cynthia Erivo*, led by NSO Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke, on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, at 8 p.m., in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

In a special one-night-only performance on Tuesday, April 30, at 8 p.m., **Iron & Wine’s Sam Beam** performs his intimate, cinematic songs with the NSO, in celebration of the 15th anniversary of his album *Our Endless Numbered Days*. The recording was hailed as an understated masterpiece and named a top 50 album of the decade by NPR and *Paste* following its release in 2004. With all new arrangements made and conducted by David Campbell, the evening will consist of two sets—one with the orchestra and one solo acoustic.

Tickets to both shows are on sale now to Kennedy Center members, and go on sale on February 13 to the general public.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, online at kennedy-center.org, and via phone through Instant Charge, (202) 467-4600; toll-free at (800) 444-1324. For all other ticket-related customer service inquiries, call the Advance Sales Box Office at (202) 416-8540.

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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