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**KATHARINE McPHEE TO APPEAR WITH
NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**November 9 & 10 in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall
Tickets On Sale Now to Members; Tomorrow to General Public**

(WASHINGTON)—Renowned actress/singer Katharine McPhee joins the National Symphony Orchestra for two performances this fall, led by NSO Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke. Concerts on [Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10, at 8 p.m.](#), take place in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

Audiences first heard McPhee on *American Idol* in 2006. In 2007, her self-titled debut album reached #2 on the *Billboard* Top 200 and achieved an RIAA gold certification. Her two follow-up albums—*Unbroken* and *Christmas is the Time to Say I Love You*—were released in 2010. McPhee co-starred alongside Debra Messing on *Smash* from executive producer Steven Spielberg and made guest appearances on *CSI: NY*, *Community*, *Family Guy*, and others. An active spokesperson for buildOn, which promotes youth after-school service programs, she also starred in the CBS drama *Scorpion*, and she released 2015's *Hysteria* to much fan praise. Her latest album, *I Fall in Love Too Easily* (BMG), produced by Don Was, recreates timeless jazz standards and is out now.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets (\$24-\$89) 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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