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NSO ANNOUNCES 2017 IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST/SOUTHWEST

MSO Musicians to Perform Throughout D.C.’s Southeast/Southwest Area in Partnership With 27 Neighborhood Partner Organizations: Three Orchestral Concerts, 11 In-School Visits, and 21 Chamber Ensemble Appearances

Full NSO Performances Led by Jacomo Bairos Feature Soloists Black Violin on January 6, and Christylez Bacon and Wytold on January 7

All Public Events are Free  
January 3–9, 2017

(WASHINGTON)—Musicians of National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) perform events in D.C.’s Southeast/Southwest neighborhoods, January 3–9, 2017, as part of the Orchestra’s In Your Neighborhood (IYN) program, which brings live classical music outside of the concert hall and into community settings for all to enjoy. These 30 activities are being developed in partnership with 27 community partners and schools in Southeast/Southwest to ensure that the initiative provides the performances, educational experiences, and community engagement most desired by the neighborhood itself.

The heart of NSO In Your Neighborhood consists of free orchestra concerts, chamber music, in-school events, and other activities by the NSO musicians, showcasing their

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creativity and skills in the programs they create. Small ensembles make 14 school visits during this week, including Ballou High School; DC Prep in Anacostia, Benning and Edgewood; Kimball Elementary; Savoy Elementary; The SEED School; and Van Ness Elementary.

The IYN kick-off event takes place on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Arena Stage, featuring a quartet from the NSO performing Claude Bolling’s Suite for Violin and Jazz Piano Trio. This event is free but reservations are required; visit nationalsymphony.org/IYN to reserve seats.

A highlight of the week’s programming are two free public NSO performances, featuring guest artists that mix classical and Hip Hop genres, conducted by Jacomo Bairos—one at Ballou High School on Friday, January 6, at 7 p.m., with international sensation Black Violin, a classically trained Hip Hop violin duo which has collaborated with such artists as P. Diddy, Kanye West, Aretha Franklin, and The Eagles; and one at THEARC on Saturday, January 7, at 2 p.m., Southeast D.C.-born multi-instrumentalist Christylez Bacon and electric cellist Wytold. Both public concerts are free but require reservations, which can be made online via the NSO’s website: nationalsymphony.org/IYN.

At the NSO’s kick-off event on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Arena Stage, the NSO’s Irene Pollin Community Service Award will be given to one organization that provides grassroots health and human services combined with programs for intellectual and artistic enrichment as exemplified by the arts in all forms. The award will be presented during the program of chamber music by members of the National Symphony Orchestra.

Among the many organizations partnering with the NSO in 2017 are THEARC, Arena Stage, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, D.C. Public Library, D.C. Public Schools, Congressional Cemetery, Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, United States Botanic Garden, and many others.
ABOUT NSO IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (IYN)
This key program of the NSO’s community engagement efforts features the full orchestra and small ensembles in a concentrated week of free performances and educational activities. Events have taken place in schools, churches, restaurants, bars, dance studios, and arts venues. IYN drew inspiration from the NSO’s ongoing community engagement work across the country. From its 2012 launch in the diverse neighborhood of Columbia Heights, IYN has grown in scale and scope, from reaching 3,000 people to more than 11,000 per year, from 30 activities in one week to more than 50 throughout the year, and from 20 to 25 community partners. IYN has gained in recognition and profile, with years involving the NSO’s Music Director and Principal Pops Conductor, as well as bolder format experimentation such as full orchestra concerts at Union Station and concert venue Echostage.
PUBLIC EVENT INFORMATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

10:30 a.m.: COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE
Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
NSO musician Jae-Yeon Kim, violin joins guest musicians Ko Sugiyama, violin; Tiffany Richardson, viola; and Sean Neidlinger, cello in a performance for children. Free and open to the public.

7 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC
Anacostia Arts Center, 1231 Good Hope Rd., SE
NSO musicians Jennifer Mondie, viola; Nicholas Stovall, oboe; and Alexander Jacobsen, bass perform during a musical program and lecture inspired by Frederick Douglass. Free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017

1:30 p.m.: COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE
Anacostia Neighborhood Library, 1800 Good Hope Rd., SE
NSO musicians Heather LeDoux Green, violin; and Paul DeNola, bass give a performance for children. A musical instrument “petting zoo” will be set up at the library. Free and open to the public.

6 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC
Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C St., SW
NSO musicians Jane Bowyer Stewart, violin; Denise Wilkinson, viola; and guest musicians Sue Midkiff, violin; and Kerry van Laanen, cello perform a chamber concert in the hotel’s restaurant, 21ST Amendment Bar & Grill. Free and open to the public.

7:30 p.m.: KICK-OFF CONCERT
Arena Stage, 1101 6th St., SW
NSO concertmaster Nurit Bar-Josef, and NSO musicians Charles Nilles, bass; and Joseph Connell, percussion; are joined by guest musician Tony Nalker, piano to perform an evening chamber concert in Arena Stage’s Kogod Cradle. Free and open to the public; advance reservations required. For reservations visit: nationalsymphony.org/LYN

9 p.m.: CHAMBER CONCERT
Mr. Henry’s Restaurant, 601 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
NSO musician Alexander Jacobsen, bass performs for an hour in the middle the restaurant’s weekly Jazz Jam hosted from 8–11 p.m. on the second floor. Free and open to the public.
Thursday, January 5, 2017

7 p.m.: Community Performance
Parklands-Turner Neighborhood Library, 1547 Alabama Ave., SE
NSO musicians Jane Bowyer Stewart, violin; and Eric de Waardt, viola are joined by guest musicians Claudia Chudacoff, violin; and Schuyler Slack, cello to perform familiar classical works. Free and open to the public.

7 p.m.: Chamber Concert
Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
NSO musicians Leah Arsenault, flute; Jamie Roberts, oboe; and Robert Rearden, horn; and guest musicians Kristin Bowers, clarinet; and Sam Blair, bassoon perform classical works. Free and open to the public; reservations required. Click here to reserve.

7 p.m.: Chamber Concert
Westminster Church, 400 1st St., SW
NSO musicians Nurit Bar-Josef and Joel Fuller, violin, Daniel Foster, viola; Aaron Goldman, flute; and Adriana Horne, harp perform classical works in the church’s Labryinth. After a brief intermission silent prayer and meditation will be welcomed as the music continues. Free and open to the public.

Friday, January 6, 2017

10:30 a.m.: Community Performance
Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW
NSO musician Marissa Regni, violin; is joined by guest vocalist Kari Paludan to perform a concert for children. A musical instrument “petting zoo” will be set up at the library. Free and open to the public.

4:30 p.m.: Community Performance
East City Bookshop, 645 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Suite 100
NSO musicians Holly Hamilton, violin; Ruth Wicker Schaefer, viola; and guest vocalist Kari Paludan perform a program for children. Free and open to the public.

7 p.m.: National Symphony Orchestra at Balou High School
Ballou High School, 3401 4th St., SE
Jacomo Bairos, conductor
Black Violin, guest artists
Free and open to the public. A reservation is required and all seating is general admission on a first-come, first-served basis. For reservations visit: nationalsymphony.org/YN

Saturday, January 7, 2017

11 a.m.: Community Performance
Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St., SE
NSO musicians Glenn Donnellan and Wanzhen Li, violin; Tsuna Sakamoto, viola; and Eugena Chang, cello, perform a family program of Vivaldi’s Four Seasons in CHAW’s gallery space. Free and open to the public.
2 p.m.: NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
**Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Center (THEARC), 1901 Mississippi Ave., SE**

The NSO reunites with Grammy®-nominated beatboxer and multi-instrumentalist Christylez Bacon and wildly original electric cellist/composer Wytold for a crash course in the fundamentals of remixing! With a flair for the fresh art forms like progressive Hip Hop, live-looping, and instrumental innovation, this dynamic D.C. duo brings a jam-packed program filled with all sorts of unique and clever twists. Through beatboxing, improvising, and other creative techniques, Christylez Bacon and Wytold are ready to take familiar classical pieces featured everywhere from movies to TV to weddings—and make them completely their own. Stay after the performance for the Musical Instrument “Petting Zoo!”

Program to include:

BERNSTEIN  
Overture to *Candide*

SHOSTAKOVICH  
Allegro from Symphony No. 10 in E minor, Op. 93

BACON  
“X-2”

WYTOLD  
“Bach Remix”

BACON  
“It’s the Beatbox”

PROKOFIEV  
“Montagues and Capulets” from *Romeo and Juliet*, Op. 64b

WYTOLD  
“My Regards”

BACON  
“Mambo Sauce”

Free and open to the public. A reservation is required and all seating is general admission on a first-come, first-served basis. For reservations visit: [nationalsymphony.org/YN](http://nationalsymphony.org/YN)

6 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC  
**Bluejacket, 300 Tingley St., SE**

NSO musicians Craig Mulcahy, trombone; Matthew Guilford, bass trombone; and guest trombones Jeremy Buckler and Colin Wise perform in the bar area of the restaurant. Free and open to the public.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

2 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC  
**Historic Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St., SE**

NSO musicians Glenn Donnellan and Wanzhen Li, violin; Tsuna Sakamoto, viola; and Eugena Chang, cello, perform a family program of Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons* in the Chapel. Free and open to the public.

3:30 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC  
**Anacostia Community Museum, 1901 Fort Pl., SE**

NSO musicians Mahoko Eguchi, viola and Rachel Young, cello perform classical works. Free and open to the public.

5 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC  
**The Corner Store, 900 South Carolina Ave., SE**

NSO musicians Leah Arsenault, flute; Jamie Roberts, oboe; and Robert Rearden, horn; and guest musicians Kristin Bowers, clarinet; and Sam Blair, bassoon play classical works. Free and open to the public; reservations required. Click [here](http://example.com) to reserve.
5 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC
East City Bookshop, 645 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Suite 100
NSO musicians Jane Bowyer Stewart, violin; and Eric de Waardt, viola are joined by guest musicians Claudia Chudacoff, violin; and Schuyler Slack, cello perform a chamber concert. Pieces from different eras of classical music will be paired with literature from the same eras. Free and open to the public.

6 p.m.: CHAMBER MUSIC
SW Arts Club, formerly Blind Whino, 700 Delaware Ave., SW
NSO musicians Carole Bean, flute; Kathryn Meaney Wilson, oboe; Peter Cain, clarinet; James Nickel, horn; and guest musician Chris Jewell, bassoon perform from 6–7 p.m. during “Hues and Cues”, a sip and paint experience. Participants will be invited to paint to the music beginning at 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

7 p.m.: CHAMBER CONCERT
Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, 921 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
NSO musicians Craig Mulcahy, trombone; Matthew Guilford, bass trombone; and guest trombones Jeremy Buckler and Colin Wise perform in an artistic exchange with go-go musicians. Free and open to the public. Reservations required; click here to reserve.

TICKET INFORMATION
All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. Seating limited to capacity. All events/artists/programs are subject to change and/or cancellation without prior notice.

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