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MICHAEL FEINSTEIN & THE PASADENA POPS ANNOUNCE SUMMER ARTISTS AND PROGRAMS

*TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR PATTI AUSTIN, MICHAEL FEINSTEIN IN CONCERT, MAUREEN MCGOVERN,
SUSAN EGAN, LISA VROMAN AND MORE AT THE LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN*

Pasadena CA - The stars are coming out to play this summer with Principal Pops Conductor Michael Feinstein and the Pasadena POPS and their one of a kind, simply cannot miss popular outdoor summer concert series at the Los Angeles Arboretum. Coming off the heels of last summer's critically acclaimed concerts to record breaking crowds, Feinstein and the Pasadena POPS are taking the popular series to new heights. Artists include **Laura Osnes** ("Cinderella" and "Bonnie and Clyde"), **Richard White** ("Beauty and the Best (film)" and "Jekyll and Hyde"), **Julia Goodwin** (2013 Great American Songbook Youth Ambassador), **Susan Egan** ("Beauty and the Beast"), **Lisa Vroman** ("Phantom of the Opera"), powerhouse singers **Maureen McGovern**, **Patti Austin**, stars of stage and screen **Kevin Earley**, **Liz Callaway** ("Anastasia and "Aladdin"), plus special appearances by **Debby Boone**, **Alan Bergman** and pianist **Armen Guzelimian**.

"The Pasadena POPS has quickly become the premier presenter of the Great American Songbook in the orchestral arena with virtuoso musicians delivering definitive performances of great songs in classic arrangements, sparkingly orchestrated to carry a freshness and excitement that always galvanizes the audience," says Feinstein adding "the shows are a combination of Broadway and Hollywood, glitz and dazzle, with tremendous musicianship and talent. It's a rare chance to hear the music performed this way, at one of the most beautiful outdoor concert venues anywhere."

"Feinstein's gracious enthusiasm, like the giant projection screens framing the band shell, indicated that this summer series is ready for the big time. Certainly, the orchestra, in its detailed precision and technical aplomb, is a first-rate entity, and its endearing maestro is a perfect fit." - *Los Angeles Times*

"What Michael brings to the Pasadena POPS, through his personal music collection and decades of curating the hidden jewels of the Great American Songbook, cannot be heard anywhere else in the world, much less the United States, and we don't make that claim lightly," states Paul Jan Zdunek, Chief Executive Officer of the Pasadena Symphony Association.

The Pasadena POPS Sierra Acura Summer Concert Series begins on **Saturday, June 7** with **Feinstein's Favorites**; a showcase of music by Harry Warren, Richard Rodgers, Nelson Riddle, Henry Mancini, Alfred Newman and a world premiere of Andre and George Previn's most expensive demo ever made. As Feinstein explains, "the opening concert of the summer is my way of introducing the audience into my musical world with a grab bag of more than a few of my favorite things." Broadway sensations Laura Osnes and Richard White join in the fun with original charts from the Peggy Lee and Judy Garland archives that can't be heard anywhere else.

Broadway's Leading Ladies on June 28 brings some of Broadway's top stars to the POPS stage. Conductor Larry Blank welcomes Susan Egan ("Beauty and the Beast", "Cabaret", "Thoroughly Modern Millie", "State Fair"), Valerie Perri ("Evita", "City of Angels", "Jerome Robbins' Broadway"), Christina Saffran ("A Chorus Line", "Sophisticated Ladies", "Singin' in the Rain", "The Music Man", "Drood"), Lisa Vroman ("Phantom of the Opera", "Aspects of Love", "Les Misérables", "The Most Happy Fella"), and David Burnham ("The Light in the Piazza", "Wicked", "Sunset Boulevard"). Experience your favorite hit songs from legendary musicals "Cabaret", "Evita", "Les Misérables", "Phantom of the Opera", "A Chorus Line", "The Music Man", "Wicked", "West Side Story" and more. It's a Broadway celebration that you and your family won't want to miss.

Michael Feinstein SINGS Gershwin on July 19 - Five-time Grammy nominee, two-time Emmy nominee and multi-platinum-selling recording artist Michael Feinstein puts the baton down for one night only to sing a full concert celebrating the Gershwin Songbook with "'S Wonderful,' 'Shall We Dance,' 'I've got a Crush On You,' 'Nice Work If You Can Get It,' 'Fascinating Rhythm,' 'Rialto Ripples,' 'An American in Paris Overture,'" a tribute to Fred Astaire and a cross-section of the finest cross section of the finest Gershwin songs with a few surprises thrown in...because, after all, he *is* Michael Feinstein.

Hooray For Hollywood on August 16, comes to life from the archives of Warner Bros., 20th Century Fox, Columbia Pictures and Disney with "42nd Street," "The Sound of Music," "Funny Girl," "Mary Poppins" and gems from composers Erich Korngold, David Raksin, Elmer Bernstein and more. Special guests Debby Boone ("You Light Up My Life") and Alan Bergman join powerhouse singers Maureen McGovern and Kevin Earley to relive classic Hollywood with Michael Feinstein and the Pasadena POPS.

On September 6, New York! New York! is the perfect way to end the summer with the snap swagger and energy that captured Gershwin, Bernstein, Porter, Sondheim and thousands of other songwriters through the years. Grammy Award winner Patti Austin, and Liz Callaway deliver hit songs from New York musicals such as "West Side Story" and "On the Town," along with music from "Street Scene," "Harlem Nocturne," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Here's to Life" and so much more.

The family-friendly concerts will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. Grounds open for picnicking and dining at 5:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Among many venue amenities, audiences can enjoy pre-ordered gourmet dining packages for on-site pickup just steps from your table from Julianne, Marston's, and Claud & Co.; the food court will host mouth-watering food trucks plus specialty ice creams by Choctal. The experience is now even more convenient with two full beverage centers serving fine wines, beer, coffee and soft drinks plus exclusive hotel packages for POPS patrons at Pasadena's landmark Langham Huntington Hotel. Patrons may also visit the Pasadena Humane Society's Mobile Adoption Unit, which will be on-site prior to each concert with deserving animals in need of a forever home as part of the Pups for POPS program.

Subscribers may pre-purchase parking on-site at the Arboretum, and all concertgoers enjoy free parking at the adjacent Westfield Santa Anita shopping center with complimentary non-stop shuttle service to the Arboretum's main entrance. Audiences get the ultimate outdoor concert experience: large LED video screens to see the artists and orchestra up close, superior sound quality and the high-quality production value that is a signature of the Pasadena POPS. Don't miss the best outdoor dinner party in town with

spacious circular table seating with fine linens, or lawn seating for those who want to bring a blanket – each option carries on the tradition of picnic-dining with your family and friends with Michael Feinstein and Pasadena’s premier POPS orchestra! The Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. Single tickets and season subscriptions are now on sale and are available by calling the box office at (626)-793-7172, online at PasadenaSymphony-Pops.org or at the Arboretum on the day of the concerts.

Sierra Acura Summer Concert Series Calendar

June 7, 2014

Feinstein’s Favorites

Michael Feinstein, conductor
Laura Osnes, vocalist
Richard White, vocalist
Armen Guzelimian, piano

June 28, 2014

Broadway’s Leading Ladies

Larry Blank, conductor
Susan Egan, vocalist
Valerie Perri, vocalist
Christina Saffran, vocalist
Lisa Vroman, vocalist
David Burnham, vocalist

July 19, 2014

Michael Feinstein SINGS Gershwin

Michael Feinstein, vocalist
Larry Blank, conductor

August 16, 2014

Hooray For Hollywood

Michael Feinstein, conductor
Maureen McGovern, vocalist
Kevin Earley, vocalist
Debby Boone, special guest
Alan Bergman, special guest

September 6, 2014

New York! New York!

Michael Feinstein, conductor
Patti Austin, vocalist
Liz Callaway, vocalist

IF YOU GO:

- **What:** The Pasadena Symphony presents the 2014 Pasadena POPS with Principal Pops Conductor Michael Feinstein
- **When:** June 7, June 28, July 19, August 16, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** The LA County Arboretum | 301 N Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007

- **Cost:** Tickets start at \$20.00
- **Dining:** Gates open at 5:30pm. Guests are welcome to bring their own food and drink or visit one of the many onsite gourmet food vendors.
- **Parking:** Subscribers have the opportunity to purchase onsite Arboretum parking. Single ticket holders may park for free at the Westfield Santa Anita shopping center with free non-stop shuttles to the main gate.

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ABOUT THE PASADENA SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

Recent Acclaim for the Pasadena Symphony and POPS

“The Pasadena Symphony signals a new direction...teeming with vitality...dripping with opulent, sexy emotion.” Los Angeles Times.

“...full of pulsating energy from first note to last... the strings were lushly resonant, the wind principals were at the top of their games, and the brass rang out with gleaming vigor.” – Pasadena Star News.

The Pasadena Symphony Association was founded in 1928 by Conductor Reginald Bland. Originally named the Pasadena Civic Orchestra, its first members were mostly volunteer musicians, many of whom were students of Bland. The annual operating budget was \$3,500, which was funded entirely by the City of Pasadena.

The Pasadena Symphony and POPS is an ensemble of Southern California’s most talented, sought after musicians. With extensive credits in the film, television, recording and orchestral industry, the artists of Pasadena Symphony and POPS are the most heard in the world.

In the fall of 2007, the Pasadena Symphony incorporated the Pasadena POPS into its Association under the new name Pasadena Symphony and POPS. This merger created an expanded Classics and POPS series providing the community with a full spectrum of live symphonic concerts year-round. In the summer of 2012, the Pasadena POPS’ relocated its summer home to the Los Angeles County Arboretum where it has been performing to record-breaking crowds and critical acclaim. The Pasadena POPS announced Michael Feinstein as its new Principal Pops Conductor in August 2012; he will be the first conductor to hold the Marvin Hamlisch Chair title. Under Feinstein’s leadership, the Pasadena POPS’ has quickly become the nation’s premier presenter of the Great American Songbook in the orchestral arena delivering definitive performances of rare orchestrations and classic arrangements.

The Pasadena Symphony provides a musical experience like no other at the Ambassador Auditorium – known as the Carnegie Hall of the West – where they have been the resident professional orchestra since 2010. In 2013, the Pasadena Symphony named Maestro David Lockington as its fifth Music Director and appointed Nicholas McGegan as Principal Guest Conductor.

A hallmark of its robust education programs, the Pasadena Symphony Association has served the youth of the region since 1972 through the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra comprised of over 200 gifted middle school students from more than 40 schools all over the Southland. The PYSO most recently performed on several episodes of the popular television show *GLEE*.

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