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PASADENA POPS RESCHEDULES 2020 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES TO 2021

Pasadena, CA – Due to the guidelines issued by government authorities during the Covid-19 pandemic, the **Pasadena POPS** has regrettably made the difficult decision to reschedule the **2020 Summer POPS Series at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in its entirety to Summer 2021.**

“We are deeply saddened that we are unable to perform at a time when the inspiration that comes from experiencing live music is needed most,” says CEO Lora Unger. “As we work in phases to reopen our community, we accept that large scale events like ours are not yet ready to resume. Our orchestra is resilient, and we are deeply grateful for the support and trust of our patrons who are standing with us. We look forward to coming together with our audience to share in the joy of our live performances in the near future.”

The Pasadena POPS has informed its patrons that all subscriptions and single tickets have been automatically transferred to the rescheduled 2021 dates below. In the meantime, the Pasadena POPS is staying connected with online initiatives including the ***Play at Home with the POPS*** archival series and ***In Conversation***, a weekly video podcast with conductors, musicians, guest artists and all who make the music happen. **Resident Pops Conductor Larry Blank** will also host a new ***POPScast***, launching in June. All digital content is available at <http://www.pasadenasymphony-pops.org/>.

2021 Summer POPS Series Dates:

June 19, 2021 - Sway With Me: Latin Rhythm and Swing

July 10, 2021 - Road to Motown

July 24, 2021 - Fleetwood Mac: A Tribute

August 14, 2021 - Michael Feinstein Sings Sinatra’s Songbook

August 28, 2021 - 100 Years of Broadway

Additionally, ***Live at the Arboretum*** with **Sara Evans**, originally scheduled for June 27, 2020 has been postponed to **June 26, 2021.**

Ticketholders also have the option to donate the return of their tickets, the value of which is fully tax deductible. The Pasadena POPS is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 arts organization and this support ensures that they will be able to continue to impact lives through the transformative power of music and music education as we all navigate our recovery and relaunch.

Patrons may also contact the box office to discuss alternate ticketing options via an online customer service portal at pasadenasympphony-pops.org/customer-service/.

Subscriptions and single tickets to the 2021 POPS season are currently on sale, starting at \$25 via <https://pasadenasympphony-pops.org/tickets/> or by calling the box office at 626-793-7172.

2021 Sierra Summer POPS Series Calendar

Sway With Me: Latin Rhythm and Swing

June 19, 2021

Michael Feinstein, *conductor*

Mauricio Martinez, *soloist*

Margo Rey, *soloist*

Road to Motown

July 10, 2021

Michael Feinstein, *conductor*

Billy Davis Jr. & Marilyn McCoo, *soloists*

Mary Wilson, *soloist*

Fleetwood Mac: A Tribute

July 24, 2021

Landslide: A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Fleetwood Mac, special guests

Larry Blank, *Conductor*

Michael Feinstein Sings Sinatra's Songbook

August 14, 2021

Michael Feinstein, *soloist*

Larry Blank, *conductor*

100 Years of Broadway

September 14, 2019

Michael Feinstein, *conductor*

Liz Callaway, *soloist*

Jordan Donica, *soloist*

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.

“In his five years leading the PSO, Lockington has taken an ensemble that was already quite good and elevated it into one where excellence is the byword.” – Pasadena Star News.

Formed in 1928, the Pasadena Symphony and POPS is an ensemble of Hollywood’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.

The Pasadena Symphony and POPS performs in two of the most extraordinary venues in the United States: Ambassador Auditorium, known as the *Carnegie Hall of the West*, and the luxuriant Los Angeles Arboretum & Botanic Garden. Internationally recognized, Grammy-nominated conductor, David Lockington, serves as the Pasadena Symphony Association’s Music Director, with performance-practice specialist Nicholas McGegan serving as Principal Guest Conductor. The multi-platinum-selling, two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-nominated entertainer dubbed “The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook,” Michael Feinstein, is the Principal Pops Conductor, who succeeded Marvin Hamlisch in the newly created *Marvin Hamlisch Chair*.

A hallmark of its robust education programs, the Pasadena Symphony Association has served the youth of the region for over five decades through the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestras (PYSO), comprised of five performing ensembles with 450 gifted 4th-12th grade students from more than 50 schools all over the Southern California region. The PYSO has toured internationally at prestigious venues in New York, Vienna, and most recently San Jose, Costa Rica. They regularly perform throughout Southern California and have appeared on the popular television show *GLEE*.

The PSA provides people from all walks of life with powerful access points to the world of symphonic music.

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