

Jacksonville Symphony to Perform at May Art Walk as Part of ImagiNATURE Program

Jacksonville, FL (April 10, 2017) --- The Jacksonville Symphony will perform at the May 3rd Art Walk as part of the evening's ImagiNATURE program. There will be two concerts: one at 6:30pm and one at 8pm in Hemming Park. Music Director Courtney Lewis will conduct the orchestra. This ImagiNATURE performance is part of the Mayo Clinic Community Series.

The Symphony will be performing violinist Piotr Szewczyk's *St. Augustine Suite* in addition to Copland's *An Outdoor Adventure*, Grofé's "On the Trail" from the *Grand Canyon Suite* and Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 in E minor *From the New World*, Fourth movement.

ImagiNATURE is a multi-disciplinary arts festival and installation honoring the National Park Service's 100th Anniversary. It is made possible by grants to the Jacksonville Symphony from the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) and the Downtown Investment Authority. The focus of the May 3rd event besides the Jacksonville Symphony performance in Hemming Park includes art presentations by Will Dickey and David Montgomery, an art installation from MOSH (Museum of Science and History), a performance by Mal Jones, and the unveiling of artist Kathy Stark's interpretive signs of National Parks in North Florida. The Jacksonville Library will have a suggested reading list posted for those who want to learn more about the National Park system.

The Symphony last performed at Art Walk in November 2014. It drew one of the largest crowds that Art Walk has recorded.

"We are excited to be able to showcase one of our composer/musicians, Piotr Szewczyk, in this performance," said Robert Massey, President and CEO. "We are grateful to the NEA and the Downtown Investment Authority for its support of this event to celebrate the National Park Service's anniversary as well as the Mayo Clinic for their assistance with our community series."

ImagiNATURE is made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Downtown Investment Authority. Program partners include the Jacksonville Symphony, Downtown Vision, the National Park Service, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Timucuan Parks Foundation, MOSH, the Jacksonville Public Library and artists Kathy Stark, Piotr Szewczyk, Will Dickey, Mal Jones, and David Montgomery.

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