

Tickets for Jacksonville Symphony Gala Featuring Lang Lang Available for Sale November 1

Jacksonville, FL (October 26, 2016) --- Tickets to hear Lang Lang, termed “the hottest artist on the classical musical planet” by the *New York Times*, will be available for sale to the general public on Tuesday, November 1. Lang Lang will be the featured artist for the Symphony’s 2017 Gala, Valentines in Verona, on Friday, February 17, 2017. The Gala is sponsored by Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Wealth Management and Florida Blue.

Lang Lang is known to have inspired millions with his open-hearted, emotive playing, whether it be in intimate recitals or on the grandest of stages – such as the 2014 World Cup concert in Rio, with Placido Domingo, to celebrate the final game; the 56th and 57th GRAMMY Awards, where he performed with Metallica and Pharrell Williams; the Opening Ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where more than four billion people around the world viewed his performance; the Last Night of the Proms at London’s Royal Albert Hall, or the Liszt 200th birthday concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Charles Dutoit which was broadcast live in more than 300 movie theaters around the United States and 200 cinemas across Europe (the first classical music cinema cast to be headlined by a solo artist).

“This will be Lang Lang’s first appearance in Jacksonville,” said Robert Massey, President and CEO of the Jacksonville Symphony. “We are excited to be able to present his artistry in a Valentine’s Day program that will be the highlight of our season.”

“I know that this concert will be a sell-out,” said Music Director Courtney Lewis. “It is such a special opportunity to be in the hall to hear Lang Lang. It is definitely the ‘don’t miss’ of our concert season.”

Tickets for both the concert and the Gala party following the concert are available for sale through jaxsymphony.org or by calling the box office at 904-354-5547. Gala table tickets, which include a performance ticket, are \$500 per person. Concert only tickets range from \$75 to \$125 per person. The program will feature Berlioz’ Selections from Romeo and Juliet, Prokofiev’s Selections from Romeo and Juliet and Lang Lang performing Bartók’s Piano Concerto No. 2.

There will be a pre-concert reception for those attending the Gala with the concert beginning at 7:30pm and dinner at 9pm.

Last year’s Symphony Gala was considered to be one of the key social events of the season. A tent was erected on Pearl Street with pre-concert cocktails served by the river. A Chef’s Garden provided the three course meal and all aspects of the dinner were under the management of Carrie Sanchez-Potter’s VICARIOUS firm.

For more information about the Symphony Gala, visit jaxsymphony.org.