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**PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA RETURNS TO MANN
WITH TRADITIONAL FAVORITES & A NOD TO THE BEATLES
Tickets Now On Sale**

PHILADELPHIA, PA (June 10, 2011) – The classical season at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts features the return of the venerable Philadelphia Orchestra. The Fabulous Philadelphians will take on two, storied, classical repertoires, performing Carl Orff's powerful *Carmina Burana* on June 28th and an all-Tchaikovsky evening, complete with fireworks, on June 29th. For its third and final 2011 Mann concert (June 30th), however, the Orchestra will combine genres, crossing orchestral music with a side of rock classics for an all-new work, commissioned exclusively by the Mann. Joining with Grammy nominee Joan Osborne, Grammy award-winner Rodney Crowell and James Nash & the NashVillains, The Philadelphia Orchestra will perform *Down the Abbey Road*, a tribute to The Beatles' iconic recording.

"In addition to presenting the beloved classical programming that summers at the Mann are known for, we're also continuing to bridge genres and generations with what we're calling Cross-Over Classical, and The Philadelphia Orchestra's *Down the Abbey Road* show is a perfect example of that," said Catherine M. Cahill, president and CEO of the Mann. "Through unexpected and exciting pairings that feature cultural icons, Broadway and television stars and larger-than-life multimedia presentations along with world-renowned orchestras such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, our aim is to broaden audience connections to orchestral music and to the Mann as *the* place to experience these performances," she said.

Here are the details:

**June 28th – The Philadelphia Orchestra -- *Carmina Burana*
8pm**

Join in the festivities of the opening night celebration of The Philadelphia Orchestra residency. Carl Orff's sensual and dramatic *Carmina Burana* features conductor Giancarlo Guerrero, Heidi Grant Murphy (soprano), Brian Asawa (counter tenor) and Stephen Powell (baritone) who hails from Philadelphia, and The Philadelphia Singers. The evening will open with Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in A major 'Italian.'

Tickets: \$49.50, \$25.00 and \$10.00 (lawn)

June 29th – The Philadelphia Orchestra – All Tchaikovsky Spectacular with Fireworks
8pm

This eagerly awaited concert is a longtime honored Philadelphia tradition and favorite. The ever popular 1812 Overture complete with cannons and fireworks rounds out an all Tchaikovsky evening, under the baton of Vasily Petrenko, making his Mann debut. This evening showcases one of Tchaikovsky's most beloved ballets, his sweeping and majestic Sleeping Beauty Ballet Suite. This concert is the first of three events at the Mann this season featuring students and alumni of the Curtis Institute of Music, with student Nadir Khashimov, violinist, in his Mann debut. This concert also includes Romeo and Juliet's Overture Fantasy and Violin Concerto in D Major.

Tickets: \$49.50, \$25.00 and \$10.00 (lawn)

June 30th – The Philadelphia Orchestra – Down the Abbey Road
A Symphonic Celebration featuring Joan Osborne, Rodney Crowell & James Nash and the NashVillains
8pm

Down the Abbey Road is the evolution of one the most iconic albums of all time – the ambitious and elegant final recording (1969) that is the crowning achievement of The Beatles' artistry. Brought to the concert stage from first note to last, this live version of The Beatles' masterwork is an energetic and joyful collaboration between 7-time Grammy nominee Joan Osborne, Grammy-award winner Rodney Crowell, the virtuosic and eclectic Americana ensemble James Nash and the NashVillains, and The Philadelphia Orchestra. The Mann commissioned Grammy-nominee Don Hart to create new charts for this evening's exclusive performance. *Down the Abbey Road* weds rock, soul, blues, roots, and classical idioms in a unique celebration and signature musical event not to be missed.

Tickets: \$49.50, \$34.50, \$19.50 (lawn)

To purchase tickets and for more information on the Mann's 2011 season, please visit www.manncenter.org.

New Dining Options for Summer at the Mann

Concert-goers can enjoy refined dining this season as well as casual dining selections throughout the Mann campus, presented by Hollywood legend and catering superstar, Wolfgang Puck Catering. A la carte and buffet options are available for orchestra performances both in PECO Plaza and in the Mann's hillside, tented restaurant, *Crescendo*, which offers spectacular views of the Philadelphia skyline. To make reservations for *Crescendo*, please call 215-546-7900 x123.

ABOUT THE MANN

Accessible, attractive, festive and fun, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts presents diverse, world-class entertainment in a casually elegant and relaxing setting at affordable prices. Concerts and programs encompass all musical genres from pop, jazz, R&B, rock and contemporary, to dance theater, opera and classical. The summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra since the 1930s, the Mann is located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park. More than 170,000 visitors annually enjoy its rich tradition as the Philadelphia region's premier outdoor cultural arts center.

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