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**PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RETURNS TO THE MANN JULY 9 &
10
FOR BEST OF BROADWAY AND BEETHOVEN**

***‘Three Singular Sensations,’ Martin Short, Marvin Hamlisch, and
Brian Stokes Mitchell, with Special Guest Mark Nadler, Headline
An Evening of Broadway & Film Favorites with the Orchestra
Tickets On Sale Now***

PHILADELPHIA (July 5, 2011) – Orchestral performances at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts continue with the world-renowned Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performing two concerts on July 9 and 10. The acclaimed Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will demonstrate why it is one of the world’s greatest ensembles, performing an all Beethoven concert on July 9 featuring “Symphony No. 5.” The program will also include Beethoven’s “Piano Concerto No. 3” with Curtis Institute of Music prodigy Teo Gheorghiu.

On July 10, the Orchestra shifts into pops mode for an evening of music and comedy created especially for the Mann by Oscar, Tony, Grammy, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize winning composer and conductor, Marvin Hamlisch. Hamlisch will be joined by Martin Short and Brian Stokes Mitchell, superstars from the worlds of Broadway, television and film, with special guest, Mark Nadler, guaranteeing a night of laughter, entertainment and memorable music.

“We are so pleased to welcome the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra back to the Mann Center stage,” said Catherine M. Cahill, president and CEO of the Mann. “From Beethoven’s masterpieces to the best of Broadway and film, this world-renowned ensemble will be a welcome edition to our orchestral concerts. Of course, we’re thrilled to have the incomparable Marvin Hamlisch, Pittsburgh’s Principal Pops Conductor and this star-studded cast, I can promise you that the ‘Three Singular Sensations,’ will make for one, unforgettable night at the Mann,” she said.

Here are the details:

***July 9th - Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra – All Beethoven Concert
8 p.m.***

The internationally acclaimed Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra makes its long awaited return to the Mann, having last performed on its stage in 1976. This concert, under the baton of Arild Remmereit in his Mann debut, features the Curtis Institute of Music, teen sensation, pianist Teo Gheorghiu as a soloist. The program will include the "Overture to *Egmont*," "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor" and conclude with Beethoven's most popular and beloved work, "Symphony No. 5 in C Minor."

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

July 10th – Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - The Three Singular Sensations
Marvin Hamlisch, Martin Short and Brian Stokes Mitchell with special guest Mark Nadler
8 p.m.

Created especially for the Mann by Oscar, Tony, Grammy, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize winner Marvin Hamlisch, this concert will showcase the musical and comedic genius of stars Martin Short and Brian Stokes Mitchell. These "Three Singular Sensations," with special guest Mark Nadler, will perform music from Broadway hits, including "South Pacific," "Ragtime," "Man of La Mancha" and Hamlisch's signature work, "A Chorus Line." The music of the movies will also be center stage with the performance of favorite soundtracks, including "The Way We Were" and "The Sting."

Star of stage and screen, **Martin Short** will perform his unique combination of music and comedy he first made famous on Saturday Night Live, and continued through his career in movies and the stage, including "The Three Amigos," "The Goodbye Girl," "Little Me" (for which he won the Tony Award for Best Actor), and "The Producers."

Dubbed by the New York Times as "Broadway's Last Leading Man," **Brian Stokes Mitchell** will perform some of Broadway's greatest hits including "Some Enchanted Evening" from "South Pacific," "Wheels of a Dream" from "Ragtime," and "Impossible Dream" from "Man of La Mancha." Mitchell starred in John Williams' jazz version of "My Fair Lady" at Tanglewood and headlined the Carnegie Hall concert presentation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" with Reba McEntire, which airs on PBS. Mitchell won the Tony Award for "Best Actor" for his performance in "Kiss Me, Kate."

A pianist, tap dancer and vocalist extraordinaire, **Mark Nadler**, one of New York's premier cabaret entertainers, returns to Philadelphia following his hit concert last fall at the Mann with the New York Pops. Nadler has also performed with the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall and has been a soloist with the Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Indianapolis, and Oregon Symphony as well as the National Arts Centre Orchestra and others.

Tickets: \$75.00, \$49.00, \$29.00, \$19.00 (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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