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**AMICA RUSH HOUR SERIES OPENING NIGHT CONCERT FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23**

MUSIC DIRECTOR **LARRY RACHLEFF**, PIANIST **ILYA YAKUSHEV**

MUSIC OF **TCHAIKOVSKY & MAHLER**

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October 24, 2011 – East Providence, RI - **The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra** opens the tenth season of the popular **RUSH HOUR SERIES** on **Friday September 23 at 6:30pm** at **The Vets**, 1 Avenue of the Arts, **Providence**. This popular 4-Concert Friday night Series takes place on four early Friday evenings throughout the Orchestra season and is conducted by **Music Director LARRY RACHLEFF**.

All **Amica Rush Hour Series** concerts begin at 6:30 and last approximately 75 minutes, with repertoire selected from the full-length Classical Series concerts the Orchestra will perform on the following evenings. Informality is the key! The concert ambiance is relaxed with Larry talking about the music and composers as the concert progresses. At the end of each concert Larry comes back onstage for a question and answer session with audience members. **Amica Insurance** is the sponsor of the Rush Hour Series; **WPRO News Talk 630** is the media sponsor for the season; **WJAR Channel 10** is media sponsor for the Rush Hour Series.

The opening concert on **Friday September 23** features selected movements from **Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto** and **Mahler's Symphony No. 1 (Titan)**.

Russian pianist **ILYA YAKUSHEV** returns to the Philharmonic after his brilliant last minute fill-in performance of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 Opening Night last season. He continues to mesmerize audiences at major venues on three continents. Mr. Yakushev has recently performed with the Syracuse and Fairbanks Symphonies, the BBC Concert Orchestra and Keith Lockhart in London. Recent recital venues include Chicago's Ravinia, New York's Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, Bechstein Center in Berlin and Vienna's Musikverein.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** to the 4-concert **Amica Rush Hour Series** are \$140 or \$170 for Adults and \$80 or \$100 for Students, depending on seat location and are on sale at the Philharmonic box office until Friday September 23 at 2pm, either by phone (401.248.7000) using MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express or in person during regular box office hours, Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-4:30pm. The Philharmonic Box Office is located at 667 Waterman Avenue, East Providence.

**TICKETS** for **ALL Amica Rush Hour concerts** may be purchased 24/7 on the **Philharmonic website: riphil.org** using MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express, **vmari.com** and **artixri.com**. Tickets may also be purchased for this concert at the **Philharmonic Box Office at 667 Waterman Avenue, East Providence** until Friday September 23 at 2pm, either by phone (401.248.7000) using MasterCard, Visa,

Discover or American Express or in person during regular box office hours, Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm. Tickets may also be purchased at the PPAC Box Office, 220 Weybosset Street, Providence, either by phone (401.421. 2787) or in person during regular box office hours, Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. On Friday October 15, the day of the concert, tickets are also available onsite at the VMA Box Office, from 10am until curtain, in person or by calling 401.421. 2787.

Ticket prices for Amica Rush Hour concerts are \$38 or \$46 for Adults and \$25 or \$28 for Students, depending on seat location. At 6pm if there are tickets remaining, a full time student with a valid student ID may buy one ticket for \$12.

There is limited free ADA parking just past Avenue of the Arts on Park Street, and parking is available at the Providence Place Mall for \$1 for three hours.

#### RECAP

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DATE: Friday September 23, 6:30pm  
PLACE: The Vets, Providence  
PROGRAM: movements from  
TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No. 1  
MAHLER Symphony No. 1 (Titan)  
CONDUCTOR: Music Director Larry Rachleff  
GUEST SOLOIST: Pianist Ilya Yakushev

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SINGLE CONCERT TICKETS: \$38 or \$46 for adults / \$25 or \$28 for students

To buy tickets by phone or in person:

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PPAC box office: 401.421.2787 (10-5 M-F)

To buy tickets online 24/7:

Philharmonic website: [riphil.org](http://riphil.org)

The Vets website: [www.thevetsri.com](http://www.thevetsri.com)

[ArtTixRI.com](http://ArtTixRI.com)

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**The three remaining concerts in the RUSH HOUR SERIES take place on the following FRIDAYS:**

- On **November 18 @ 6:30** Larry Rachleff leads the Orchestra in an All-Orchestral concert that includes Rossini's *Overture to La gazza ladra* and movements from Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony* and Respighi's *Pines of Rome*.
- On **February 24 @ 6:30** Larry Rachleff and the Orchestra welcome members of the **Symphony Youth Orchestra** in their annual **Side-by-Side** appearance with their counterparts. In addition, violinist **Alexander Karr** will perform **Bernstein's Serenade**. The Philharmonic will also perform movements from **Copland's Appalachian Spring Suite** and **Gershwin's An American in Paris**.
- The final Rush Hour concert of the season on **March 23 @ 6:30** features violinist **Agustin Hadelich** performing movements of the **Beethoven Violin Concerto**. The Philharmonic will also perform movements of **Beethoven's Eroica Symphony**.