

KRAVIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Announces Additions & Changes to Regional Arts Concert Series in 2017

(West Palm Beach, FL – November 15, 2016) The **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** is announcing additions and changes to upcoming concerts in this season's **Regional Arts MUSIC "At Eight"** and **MUSIC "At Two" Concert Series**. The classical-music anchor of the Kravis Center's 25th Anniversary Season, **Regional Arts** is sponsored by **Leonard and Sophie Davis**.

"Concerning our MUSIC 'At Two' series, the **New World Symphony** is replacing the St. Petersburg Philharmonic on **Monday, February 20 at 2 pm**. The Philharmonic has cancelled part of its North-American tour, including its performance originally scheduled at that time," says **Lee Bell**, the Kravis Center's senior director of programming.

"We are delighted that **The New World Symphony**, with **Alasdair Neale** as Guest Conductor, will perform instead on that date," he adds. "In celebration of the Kravis Center's 25th Anniversary Season, the New World Symphony is performing its distinctive all-concerto program – an event never before presented outside of Miami. A highly anticipated staple of each New World season, the concert will spotlight top prizewinners from the orchestra's concerto competition."

The Kravis Center also is announcing that the **Prague Philharmonia** MUSIC "At Eight" performance scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10, at 8 pm**, has doubled the soloist lineup for its U.S. tour. In a rare move, the Philharmonia will carry not only renowned violinist **Sarah Chang**, but also pianist **Andrew von Oeyen**, the exceptional young American virtuoso who stars with the Prague Philharmonia on a new CD to be released in January 2017 – the first under von Oeyen's exclusive recording contract with Warner Classics.

The revised program for the concert by the Prague Philharmonia program is now:

- + Smetana/*The Moldau* (“Vltava”)
- + Dvořák/*Violin Concerto in A minor*, Op. 53
- + Mendelssohn/*Piano Concerto No. 1 in G minor*, Op. 25
- + Dvořák/*Symphony No. 8 in G Major*, Op. 88

Finally, pianist **Lang Lang** has set the program for his MUSIC “At Eight” performance on **Tuesday, February 21, at 8 pm:**

- + Debussy/*Ballade*
- + Liszt/*Piano Sonata in B minor*, S. 178
- + Albéniz/*Suite española*, Op. 47 (excerpts)
- + Granados/*Goyescas*, Op. 11 (excerpts)
- + de Falla/*Danza ritual del fuego*

The world-renowned pianist will salute the evocative music of Spain, and especially its great composer/pianist Enrique Granados. Then he will focus his heartfelt artistry on Liszt’s emotionally charged *B-minor Sonata*. **Annette Y. Friedland** is sponsoring this much-anticipated concert.

All Regional Arts Series concerts are held in the Kravis Center’s Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall. In addition, Regional Arts concerts feature a ***Beyond the Stage*** lecture by **Sharon McDaniel** at 6:45 pm for MUSIC “At Eight” concerts and 12:45 pm for MUSIC “At Two.” The Regional Arts Programming Associate and a long-time classical music journalist, **Sharon McDaniel** will provide background information about the concert and discuss elements of interest to all audience members, from music novices to experts. *Beyond the Stage* is sponsored by **Nancy and Jay Parker**.

**About the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts:
Celebrating 25 Seasons of Success, Thanks To The Community:**

This season, the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts celebrates a Quarter-Century on Stage. And while we celebrate our silver anniversary, we renew our commitment to the community to present the gold standard of excellence in the performing arts.

Today, the Kravis Center is a thriving cultural complex, serving as the gateway to downtown West Palm Beach. Thanks to so many who

have and continue to support the Center; it has become one of the premier performing arts centers with a renowned national and international reputation.

The Kravis Center is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality; by offering comprehensive arts education programs; by providing a Palm Beach County home in which local and regional arts organizations can showcase their work; and by providing an economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County. The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, please call 561-832-7469 or visit the official website at <http://www.kravis.org/>.

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Lang Lang

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