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San Diego Symphony Opens 2015-2016 Season with Fanfare, Gala Celebration and Street Party; Music Director Jahja Ling Leads Orchestra, Acclaimed Pianist Yuja Wang Performs Mozart and Tchaikovsky

October 9-10-11 includes Saturday night OPUS 2015 Gala: 'Passport to the World'

Yuja Wang is an astounding artist whose awe-inspiring technique is matched only by her eloquence as a musician. Since her breakthrough debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 2007 while still a student at the Curtis Institute of Music, she has established herself as an international sensation and a fixture among the world's leading orchestras—including those of New York, London, Amsterdam and Berlin—regularly joining them on tours of the Americas, Europe and Asia.

On the second weekend in October, Yuja Wang will be the guest pianist for San Diego Symphony's 2015-2016 season-opening led by music director **Jahja Ling**. The weekend includes three concerts: Friday, October 9 at 8pm and Sunday, October 11 at 2pm in which Ms. Wang will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9: *Jeunehomme*. Also on the program for these concerts in which the San Diego Symphony will perform are Strauss' Overture to *Die Fledermaus* and Prokofiev's Suite from *Romeo and Juliet* (compiled by Jahja Ling).

OPUS 2015: Season-Opening Gala and Street Party

Yuja Wang Plays Tchaikovsky. Saturday, October 10 is the **OPUS 2015 Gala**, the San Diego Symphony's season-opening, black-tie gala. OPUS Gala 2015 chairs are **June and Dr. Bob Shillman**. Honorary chairs are **Katherine and Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Joan and Irwin Jacobs** and **Cathy and Lawrence Robinson**, with special thanks to **Van Cleef & Arpels** for its support.

The evening includes a cocktail hour, gala dinner and post-concert "after party," which takes place at **The University Club** atop Symphony Towers and includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres,

desserts, and dancing. The evening's concert with music director Jahja Ling, the San Diego Symphony and guest pianist Yuja Wang takes place downstairs from The University Club at the **Jacobs Music Center**.

Also on October 10, concertgoers have the option of attending the concert only in which they may attend the post-concert "street party" on B Street that includes a "Champagne Toast."

Saturday night's OPUS 2015 Gala concert is different from the Friday and Saturday program. Saturday night is a "one-night only" program that includes: Yuja Wang performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio espagnol*.

An Exciting Jacobs Masterworks Season Continues with Beethoven and John Adams

Following the season-opening weekend, San Diego Symphony's Jacobs Masterworks continues on October 23, 24 and 25 featuring **James Ehnes**, one of the foremost violinists of his generation gifted with a rare combination of the virtuosity, lyricism and musicality. This series of concerts titled "Beethoven and John Adams" includes James Ehnes performing the Beethoven Violin Concerto.

Guest conductor **Edo de Waart** will lead the orchestra in John Adams' *Harmonielehre*, who led the San Francisco Symphony in the world premiere of this piece in March 1985. During the last thirty years, *Harmonielehre* has been recorded five times and performed around the world. Its popularity is easy to understand: *Harmonielehre* is a massive work – its three movements span over forty minutes – and across that span this music takes audiences on a powerful symphonic journey and a satisfying emotional journey.

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San Diego Symphony Opus 2015 Gala

**Opening Weekend: Sat Oct 10
Yuja Wang Plays Tchaikovsky**

**San Diego Symphony
Jahja Ling, conductor
Yuja Wang, piano**

Saturday, October 10; 8pm

**Jacobs Music Center
750 B Street
San Diego, CA 92101**

Single tickets for those attending the concert only: \$20-\$96
Gala packages (cocktail hour, dinner, concert, post-concert party) start at \$1,250 per person. Cocktails, dinner and post-concert party is at The University Club atop Symphony Towers

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Website: www.sandiegosymphony.com

Concert program on Sat Oct 10:

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 2

Rimsky-Korsakov: *Capriccio espagnol*

For more information about the October 10/OPUS GALA 2015, please contact Malina Baker at 619.615.3906; or OPUS@sandiegosymphony.org

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Yuja Wang, piano

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Sunday, October 11; 2pm

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Website: www.sandiegosymphony.com

Concert program on Sat Oct 10:

J. Strauss, Jr.: Overture to *Die Fledermaus*

Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 9: *Jeunehomme*

Prokofiev: Suite from *Romeo and Juliet* (compiled by Jahja Ling)

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Beethoven and John Adams

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James Ehnes, violin

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Sunday, October 25; 2pm

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Concert program:

Adams: *Harmonielehre*
Beethoven: Violin Concerto

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