

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ECSO – SINGLE TICKETS ON SALE – SEPT. 14

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Single tickets for the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra's 2016-2017 season, including a newly added family concert, go on sale to the general public on **Wednesday, September 14, at 12 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased online at <u>tickets.gardearts.org</u>, by calling the Garde Arts Center Box Office at 860-444-7373 x 1, calling the Symphony office at 860-443-2876, or in person at the Eastern Connecticut Symphony office at 289 State Street, New London, CT. Purchasers in the first 24 hours will receive **25% off** their entire order, valid for full price tickets only. The discount will be automatically applied during online checkout. To redeem the discount over the phone, simply mention the 25% sale. This does not include the family concert or any other discounted tickets.

Subscription packages, which offer ticket exchange, savings, and other benefits are still available.

The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra will open its 70th season on Saturday, October 22, at 8 PM with "One Thousand and One Nights", at the Garde Arts Center in New London. This opening concert features Steinway Artist Boris Berman performing Bartók's adventurous *Piano Concerto No. 3.* The concert concludes with Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's crowd favorite, *Scheherazade*.

16-17 Season general copy:

Join the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra as it embarks on its 70th anniversary season! The ECSO performs 6 classical concerts from October to May at the Garde Arts Center in New London. Music Director & Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada has programmed an exciting season showcasing the ECSO's critically acclaimed virtuosity and scope of repertoire. Repertoire worthy of this milestone has been chosen, from Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* to Beethoven's universally adored *Symphony No. 9*. We will go on sonic adventures exploring the sounds of whales alongside the orchestra, an evening of storybook suites, and an epic space-themed program. Visit www.ectsymphony.com for more information and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ectsymphony.

The ECSO offers a range of affordable seating options from \$62 to as low as \$12 for attendance to one concert. The ECSO will offer those under 30 years of age \$12 tickets in premium sections. Additionally, \$12 tickets are available to and any active or retired military. New this season is a flexible subscription called the Pick 4, which enables patrons to schedule their concerts around their busy lives.

Founded in 1946, the mission of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.