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RENO PHIL'S CLASSIX SERIES OPENS WITH "REVIVAL"

Classix One, Oct. 2 and 4, 2016 at the Pioneer Center for Performing Arts

RENO, Nev. (Sept. 21, 2016)— The Reno Phil opens its 2016-2017 Classix Series with "**Revival,**" **Oct. 2 and 4, 2016**, featuring esteemed guest artist Anne-Marie McDermott on piano performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, op. 18. Also on the program is Respighi's *Ancient Airs and Dances: Suite No. 1* and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, the Ravel arrangement, creating an invigorating program for the first Classix concert set of the season.

Guest artist McDermott is a well-regarded pianist, performing her broad repertoire all over the world with some of the top symphonies and orchestras. McDermott is also the artistic director of the Bravo! Vail Music Festival held in Vail, Colorado and the Ocean Reef Music Festival in Key Largo, Florida, as well as curator for the Chamber Music for the Mainly Mozart Festival in San Diego.

"For this first concert of the season, we wanted to bring our audience something inspirational so that we could really connect with them through the music, in a way, revive them with a new joy for music," Laura Jackson, musical director for the Reno Phil, said. "Anne-Marie McDermott is the perfect pianist to perform the classic Rachmaninoff piece because her experience makes her very dramatic and a pleasure to watch."

Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, op. 18, is one of the most well-known pieces of classical music there is, used often in pop culture including Billy Wilder's 1955 film *The Seven Year Itch* and Clint Eastwood's 2010 film, *Hereafter*.

Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* is a musical story of a walk through an art museum. Respighi's piece, *Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 1*, is a light and airy piece to close the season opener.

Performances are Sunday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. Inside the Music takes place Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. This preview provides attendees a background and historical context to the music to be performed.

Tickets are available online at RENOPHIL.COM or by calling 775-323-6393.

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About the Reno Phil

The [Reno Phil](#) is northern Nevada's largest performing arts organization. In its 48th season, the orchestra, led by music director Laura Jackson, is comprised of more than 80 professional musicians who perform more than 30 concerts annually throughout the Reno-Tahoe region. Musicians of the professional orchestra, youth orchestras, various ensembles and education programs offer more than 60 performances each year, playing to more than 50,000 people. The flagship of the Reno Phil is its concert series offering six classic music series, *Classix*, performed on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. To learn more about the Reno Philharmonic and its events, and to discover all that the Reno Phil has to offer, visit [RENOPHIL.COM](#).

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