

THE BRAVO! VAIL MUSIC FESTIVAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL REPERTORY ORCHESTRA, PRESENTS TWO PERFORMANCES OF ITS ANNUAL FREE FAMILY CONCERT, *GERSHWIN'S MAGIC KEY*, A CLASSICAL KIDS MUSIC EDUCATION PRODUCTION, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

For the first time in its thirty-year history, Bravo Vail! presents two performances of its free family concert: up valley, at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater in Vail; and down valley, at the Lundgren Amphitheater in Gypsum; with Bravo! Vail's popular Instrument Petting Zoo an hour before each concert. Kensho Watanabe, assistant conductor of The Philadelphia Orchestra, leads the National Repertory Orchestra during both performances.

Vail, CO (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE) – On Wednesday, July 12, Bravo! Vail and the National Repertory Orchestra present *Gershwin's Magic Key*, a Classical Kids Music Education production, in two performances, at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater in Vail at 11:00 a.m. and the Lundgren Amphitheater in Gypsum at 6:00 p.m. Having served the Vail Valley community for the past thirty years, the Bravo! Vail Music Festival is expanding its educational and outreach activities in order to make classical music and its numerous benefits accessible to as wide and diverse a local audience as possible. This summer, for the first time ever, Bravo! Vail is adding a second performance of its popular annual free family concert in Gypsum, to reach families down valley.

Gershwin's Magic Key features Colorado's prestigious National Repertory Orchestra, led by The Philadelphia Orchestra's assistant conductor, Kensho Watanabe, magically weaving the tale of a chance encounter between a newspaper boy and the composer himself on the streets of New York. The concert includes more than twenty works by New York City-born George Gershwin (1898–1937) with orchestral pieces such as *Rhapsody in Blue*, *An American in Paris*, the *Cuban Overture*, and the *Concerto in F*, plus songs like "I Got Rhythm" and "Someone to Watch over Me," with lyrics by Gershwin's older brother, Ira. A fun-filled orchestra adventure for the whole family, *Gershwin's Magic Key* is a wonderful introduction to the exciting world of symphonic music. An hour before each performance, children of all ages are invited to Bravo! Vail's Instrument Petting Zoo, where they can explore real orchestral instruments.

Created and directed by Paul Pement, *Gershwin's Magic Key* premiered with the National Symphony Orchestra at The John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D. C., in April 2015 and has been performed throughout North America and abroad. *Gershwin's Magic Key* features co-writer Will Martin on piano, and stars Elic Bramlett as Gershwin and Lance Newton as the newspaper boy.

The National Repertory Orchestra, located in Breckenridge, is an entirely fellowship-based summer orchestra that trains young professionals as they embark upon their orchestral careers.

IF YOU GO

What: Free Family Concert, Gershwin's Magic Key and accompanying Instrument Petting Zoo

Where: Vail performance: Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater

Gypsum performance: Lundgren Amphitheater

When: Wednesday, July 12th

Vail: Instrument Petting Zoo begins at 10:00AM followed by the performance at 11:00AM

Gypsum: Instrument Petting Zoo begins at 5:00PM followed by the performance at 6:00PM