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KNOXVILLE SYMPHONY PERFORMS SPANISH & LATIN INSPIRED PROGRAM IN OCTOBER WITH ‘RED, HOT & BOLERO’

*KSO welcomes Appalachian Ballet Company to the Masterworks Stage for a program of
storytelling through music and dance*

Knoxville, TN – October 5, 2017– In two weeks, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will perform the second installment of its Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series entitled *Red, Hot & Bolero* led by **Music Director Aram Demirjian** featuring Argentinian and Latin American composers as well as Maurice Ravel’s well-known *Bolero*. The concert will take place on **Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Theatre**. These performances are sponsored by The Trust Company. Tickets start at just \$15. [View tickets and information here.](#)

Musical selections include Arturo Marquez’s *Danzon No. 2*, Thomas Adès’ Dances from “Powder Her Face,” Alberto Ginastera’s *Estancia* featuring the **Appalachian Ballet Company**, Gerónimo Giménez’s Intermezzo from *La Boda de Luis Alonso*, Georges Bizet’s Suite from *Carmen*, and Maurice Ravel’s *Bolero*.

Music Director Aram Demirjian said, “This program is as fiery and energetic as it is sensual and lyrical. The first half is comprised of music either from or influenced by Latin and South American styles while the second half is inspired by stories and music from Spain. These range from time-honored classics like Ravel’s *Bolero* and Bizet’s *Carmen*, to music by one of the preeminent composers of our time, Thomas Ades’ ‘Dances from “Powder Her Face,” to a piece the KSO has never played, but that has become an indispensable part of the repertoire: Arturo Marquez’s luscious ‘Danzon No. 2.’ And at the center of everything is an exciting collaboration with Knoxville’s own Appalachian Ballet Company, which will perform original choreography to Alberto Ginastera’s *Estancia*. This will be an evening full of movement and flair that audiences won’t want to miss.”

Tickets may be purchased by calling 865-291-3310 or visiting our [website](#). Single tickets range from \$15.00 - \$85.00. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets at a discounted rate by calling 865-521-2337.

Patrons can attend **pre-concert chats at 6:30 p.m.** in the concert hall before each performance. Guest performers will offer their personal perspective and audience members will have a chance for Q&A with the artists. This is a unique get-to-know-you opportunity!

About Aram Demirjian:

Dynamic young conductor **Aram Demirjian** is currently serving as Music Director for the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra after a four-year stint as Associate Conductor at the Kansas City Symphony. American-born and of Armenian descent, Demirjian is already leaving his mark on the region's musical culture with creative programming, innovative collaborations and energetic community engagement. Recent conducting highlights include appearances with the St. Louis, Indianapolis and San Antonio symphonies, the Louisiana Philharmonic and his European debut with the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra. Demirjian is a recipient of the Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistance Award in 2017 and holds the 2011 Robert J. Harth Conducting Prize from the Aspen Music Festival, where he was a three-time Conducting Fellow in the Aspen Conducting Academy. Demirjian holds a Bachelor of Arts in music and government from Harvard University and a Master of Music in Orchestral Conducting from New England Conservatory.

About Appalachian Ballet Company:

Appalachian Ballet Company (ABC), under the direction of **Amy Morton Vaughn** is an Honor Company with the Southeastern Regional Ballet Association, Inc. and is currently in its 46th season. ABC has commissioned original music, performed countless world premiere ballets and sponsored professional guest artists and master teachers in an effort to enrich the cultural lives of their audiences while developing the talents of their local artists. ABC has performed at the Riverside Dance Festival in New York City, the Spoleto Arts Festival in Charleston, South Carolina, and the International Ballet Competition in Jackson, Mississippi. ABC has performed for The Regional Dance America National Festivals in Houston, TX, Pittsburgh, PA., Montreal, Canada and Phoenix, AZ.

About the KSO

Established in 1935, and now under the leadership of Music Director **Aram Demirjian**, the KSO has contributed to the cultural life in East Tennessee continuously for more than 80 years, providing excellence in musical and educational programs. The Orchestra consists of 80 professional musicians and performs 300 programs throughout the region each season, reaching audiences of more than

200,000 people. The KSO performs in traditional venues such as the Tennessee Theatre, Bijou Theatre and the Civic Auditorium as well as non-traditional places like hospitals, schools, city parks and churches. For more information regarding the KSO, please visit www.knoxvillesymphony.com or call 865-291-3310.

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