

## Press Release

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### **KNOXVILLE SYMPHONY PERFORMS BEETHOVEN'S VIOLIN CONCERTO IN TWO WEEKS**

**Knoxville, TN – November 2, 2017**– In two weeks, the **Knoxville Symphony Orchestra** will perform Beethoven's Violin Concerto with guest artist **Paul Huang**. Guest conductor **Joshua Gersen** will lead the Orchestra for the third installment of the KSO [Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series](#). The concert will take place on **Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Theatre** and is sponsored by the KSO Circle of Friends. [View tickets and information here.](#)

Musical selections include Beethoven's Violin Concerto featuring violinist **Paul Huang**, Richard Strauss' "Death and Transfiguration" and Tchaikovsky's 'Romeo & Juliet Overture-Fantasy.' Violinist **Paul Huang** is a recipient of the prestigious 2015 Avery Fisher Career Grant and holds two degrees from The Juilliard School. Guest conductor **Joshua Gersen** is currently the assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic.

"I am thrilled to come to Knoxville and work with this orchestra," said guest conductor **Joshua Gersen**. It will also be my first time collaborating with the fantastic violinist Paul Huang, who will be performing Beethoven's sublime violin concerto. Knoxville audiences will enjoy these highly romantic tone poems which the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra has not performed in several years. This is an incredibly rich program that features some of the most evocative, passionate, and most of all beautiful music in the entire repertoire."

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!

Tickets may be purchased by calling 865-291-3310 or visiting the KSO [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.

### **About Paul Huang:**

Recipient of the prestigious 2015 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Taiwanese-American violinist Paul Huang is already recognized for his intensely expressive music making, distinctive sound, and effortless virtuosity. His recent and upcoming engagements include debuts with the Houston, Pacific, Omaha Symphonies, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, Louisiana and Seoul Philharmonics, as well as return engagements with the Detroit, Alabama, Bilbao Symphonies, and National Symphonies of Mexico and Taiwan. Born in Taiwan, Mr. Huang began violin lessons at the age of seven. He is a proud recipient of the inaugural Kovner Fellowship at The Juilliard School.

### **About Joshua Gersen:**

Joshua Gersen is currently the Assistant Conductor of the New York Philharmonic, as well as the Music Director of the New York Youth Symphony. He was previously the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Conducting Fellow of the New World Symphony, where he served as the assistant conductor to the symphony's Artistic Director Michael Tilson Thomas. Mr. Gersen was the winner of the Aspen Music Festival's prestigious 2011 Aspen Conducting Prize and the 2010 Robert J. Harth Conducting Prize. Mr. Gersen is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and the New England Conservatory of Music, where he studied composition with Michael Gandolfi.

### **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](http://www.knoxvillesymphony.com) or call 865-291-3310.

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