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Final West Coast Engagement of Hershey Felder as Leonard Bernstein in

MAESTRO

Opening Night Fête set for Wed. Aug 10 Continuing Through Aug 28

Special One-Night-Only Audience Sing-Along on Aug 22

(Beverly Hills, CA August 4) The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts presents the final West Coast engagement of the critically-acclaimed **Hershey Felder as Leonard Bernstein in MAESTRO** from August 10 – 28. In **MAESTRO**, Felder channels the great composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, drawing audiences deeply into the maestro's fascinating life, one filled with tragedy, triumph, and extraordinary music. The Wallis' production marks the final West Coast engagement prior to a highly-anticipated transfer to New York City's 59E59 Theaters from August 31 – October 16.

A special Opening Night Celebration kicks off the 22-performance run on Wednesday, August 10. The evening features an intimate pre-show *al fresco* supper and cocktail reception on the Promenade Terrace beginning at 6pm, followed by the Opening Night performance of *MAESTRO* at 8pm. A post-show party set to music provided by Steinway & Sons Beverly Hills and featuring a special champagne toast with Felder will close the evening. A few remaining single tickets for the Opening Night celebration are now on sale, ranging from \$275 - \$375 (including the pre and post-show receptions and performance). A very limited number of tickets to the performance and post-show party only (excluding the pre-show activities) have also just been made available, ranging from \$55 - \$75.

Additionally, Felder invites audiences to join him on Monday, August 22 at 8pm for a special one-night-only performance of *Hershey Felder's The Great American Songbook Sing-Along*, taking audiences through 100 years of American music from the Gershwins, Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, and many more. Audiences are encouraged to sing along with Felder as he leads them through the familiar notes of their favorite songs. Sing-Along tickets range from \$20-\$50.

About MAESTRO:

Leonard Bernstein was a conductor, pianist, author, educator, librettist, television star, and the composer of symphonies, iconic film scores and the American musical classics *West Side Story, Candide, On the Town* and *Wonderful Town*, among others. He pushed boundaries to become the world's first serious musical media superstar and changed the face of music. In his inimitable style, Hershey Felder

brings Bernstein to life through first-person narratives combined with the compositions of Bernstein, Beethoven, Mahler, Wagner, Copeland, and more.

Single tickets for **Hershey Felder as Leonard Bernstein in** *MAESTRO* are now available for \$25 – \$85 and for *Hershey Felder's The Great American Songbook Sing-Along* for \$20 - \$50. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit TheWallis.org, call 310.746.4000, or stop by in person at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Services located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Ticket prices subject to change.

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TICKET INFORMATION:

What: Hershey Felder as Leonard Bernstein in *MAESTRO*

When: August 10 – 28, 2016

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Evenings at 8 pm Saturdays at 3 pm and 8 pm; Sundays at 2pm and 7pm Running time: 1 hour and 45 mins with no intermission

Pricing: Single tickets: \$25 – \$85 (ticket prices subject to change).

Opening Night Tickets: \$275 - \$375 (includes special pre-performance celebration and light supper, and post-performance champagne reception); a very limited number of tickets for the performance and after-party only are now

available from \$55 - \$75 (ticket prices subject to change).

What: Hershey Felder's The Great American Songbook Sing-Along

When: August 22, 2016 at 8 pm Pricing: Single tickets: \$20-\$50

Where: Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

Bram Goldsmith Theater

9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA, 90210

Tickets: Online – <u>TheWallis.org</u>

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