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JONATHAN NOTT & THE TOKYO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA “Season 2” 2015/16 Season

TSO Music Director Jonathan NOTT will appear in his second season to conduct ten performances: four Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series, two Kawasaki Subscription Concert Series, two Tokyo Opera City Series, as well as seven works at two Masterpiece Classics Series. Featured will be quite a broad range of works by composers from the classical to contemporary periods ranging from Bach, Beethoven, Bruckner, Dvořák, Mahler, Debussy, R. Strauss, Ravel, Bartók, Stravinsky, Shostakovich, Ligeti, Feldman and Toshio Hosokawa, with a focus on Jonathan Nott’s main repertoire of the Late Romantic period by composers.

The major works to be performed at the Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series in 2015 will include Bruckner: Symphony No. 7 (in June), Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 (in July), Mahler: Symphony No. 3 (in September), and Shostakovich: Symphony No. 15 (in November). At the Opera City Series, Music Director Jonathan Nott will highlight programmes which combine the contemporary works of which he has taken a particular focus: works by composers Hosokawa, Ravel and Debussy (in July), as well as by composers Feldman, Bartók and Dvořák (in November). Stravinsky: ‘*Petrushka*’ to be performed at the Masterpiece Classics Series in June will moreover be well worth a listen.

< Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series in November 2015 >

Emanuel AX to make his first appearance with the TSO Subscription Concert Series with R. Strauss: *Burleske*

Ligeti: *Poème symphonique for 100 metronomes*

Music Director Jonathan NOTT, together with world-renown pianist Emanuel AX who will appear for the first time with the TSO, will perform R. Strauss: *Burleske* at the November Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series. It could be said that Ax has indeed made this work his own, as in recent years he has performed this work worldwide, including in October 2014 with the Berlin Philharmonic under the baton of Andris Nelsons. The opening work at this performance, Ligeti’s ‘*Poème symphonique for 100 metronomes*’, is an experimental work where 100 metronomes all set at different tempi will be placed onstage, which will begin to sound prior to the start of the performance and the audience will listen to the regularity of the sounds until the last metronome stops sounding.

Resident Conductor Norichika IIMORI to conduct Kancheli: *Styx*

Principal Guest Conductor Krzysztof URBAŃSKI to perform ‘*The Firebird (1945 version)*’ with the TSO for the first time in Tokyo

Resident Conductor Norichika IIMORI will conduct five performances, keenly taking on the work of Georgian composer Kancheli: *Styx* (in April at the Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series), as well as two ‘*Requiem*’ choral works each composed by Fauré and Mozart (at the Opera City Series in March 2016) and will also conduct at the Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series for Children whilst providing a fun and witty explanation. Principal Guest Conductor Krzysztof URBAŃSKI will conduct three performances, including ‘*The Firebird*’ (1945 version) with the TSO for the first time (at the October Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series), a work for which he was

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enthusiastically received at the Osaka Philharmonic Subscription Concert Series in 2011. Urbański will also conduct an all-Beethoven programme (the Egmont Overture, Piano Concerto No. 3, and 'Eroica') in October at the Masterpiece Classics Series, and will also conduct compatriot Polish composer Lutosławski: Symphony No. 4, as well as the three works of Smetana: *Má Vlast* for which he garnered attention at his debut performance with the Berlin Philharmonic in May 2014.

Conductor Laureate Hubert SOUDANT to conduct Mozart & Franck in a French-themed programme

Conductor Laureate Kazuyoshi AKIYAMA to perform a programme for railfans:

Strauss ~Honegger ~ Galaxy Express 999, together with Makoto OZONE (pf)

Honorary Guest Conductor Naoto OTOMO to conduct Sibelius: Symphony No. 6

with the TSO after an 18 year hiatus

Conductor Laureate Hubert SOUDANT to perform Franck: Symphony in D minor at the May Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series, a work which was received with accolades in 2010 at the Tokyo Opera City Series, where expectations are high that Soudant, who studied under Jean Fournet, will bring out the tone of the orchestra with a brimming interpretation.

Another TSO Conductor Laureate, Kazuyoshi AKIYAMA, will conduct four works at six performances. The January 2016 Suntory Hall Subscription Concert Series will welcome pianist Makoto OZONE for a joint performance of Shostakovich: Piano Concerto No. 1, where the programme also includes a collection of jazz-themed works rooted in classical music. Ozone has recently been noticed for his remarkable activities in classical music, also garnering great attention during his 2014 Japan tour with the NY Philharmonic. Akiyama, who also admits to being a rail fan, will bring to the stage a programme perfect for rail fans with select works of Strauss, Villa-Lobos, Lumbye, and Honegger. The '*Galaxy Express 999*' was composed by Nozomi Aoki, who was in charge of the music for the television version of the anime, where this work will be performed for the first time at these concerts (at the Opera City Series in April and the Masterpiece Classics Series in April).

Honorary Guest Conductor Naoto OTOMO, who has also released the Sibelius: Symphony No. 2 CD on the EXTON label, will conduct three performances, including the Symphony No. 6 by the same composer, after an 18 year hiatus with the TSO (at the Opera City Series in September). He will also conduct the Japan Contemporary Series for the first time.

Saturday Performances of the Kawasaki Subscription Concert Series to Start From 17:00 (5 p.m.)

From 2015, the starting time of the Kawasaki Subscription Concert Series held on Saturdays at Muza Kawasaki Symphony Hall will be changed from the previous starting time 18:00 to a new starting time 17:00 (5 p.m.) on a trial basis, only for the Kawasaki Subscription Concert Series. We have made this change so that the performance finishes at about 19:00 so our audience may thus be able to enjoy some extra time after the concert.

Japan Contemporary Series No. 18

**Bringing back the music composed by Fumio HAYASAKA,
of the Toho Kyoiku animations of the distant past**

TSO regularly sponsored the Japan Contemporary Series until 1996, reinstated it in June 2013, and will now take on the works of composer Fumio HAYASAKA, 60 years after his demise. Hayasaka, after forming the 'League of New

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Music [for performing new works] together with Akira Ifukube et al., left a legacy of numerous film soundtracks for the masterpieces in Japanese film history such as *Rashomon*, *Seven Samurai* and *Ugetsu Monogatari*. The TSO-commissioned orchestral suite 'Yukara' will be performed, as well as the orchestral fairy tale 'The Tale of the tree of MUKU' together with the images from the original animation.

Subscription Concert Series for Children ~ Season theme: The Orchestral Time Machine ~

The Subscription Concert Series for Children which began in 2002 in Japan for the first time, to be held four times annually. The theme is decided annually and for 2015 it will be 'The Orchestral Time Machine', where the history of Western music will be explored. We will be accepting your works of theme music to be performed at the beginning of the concerts, as well as your drawings or illustrations which would be used in the brochures. We are also looking to recruit children to work as receptionists and to perform as soloists! (Admission restricted to primary school age or older)

53rd (April) *A long, long time ago* [The Baroque and Classical periods]

54th (July) *A little romantic* [Early Romantic period]

55th (September) *More romantic* [Late Romantic period]

56th (November) *Our era* [The Modern to Contemporary period]

Subscription Concert Series for children <http://www.codomoteiki.net/>

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2015/16 Season Guest Conductors

Sachio Fujioka, Ken Takaseki, Taijiro Iimori, Yuki Kakiuchi, Chikara Iwamura, Patrycja Pieczara, Mark Gorenstein, Dmitri Kitaenko, Hansjörg Schellenberger

2015/16 Season Guest Artists

<Piano> Nikolay Khozyainov, Dezso Ranki, Emmanuel Ax, Sergey Kasprov, Alexander Krichel, Akira Wakabayashi, Miyuji Kaneko, Mami Hagiwara, Yu Kosuge, Makoto Ozone

<String> Tatjana Vassiljeva, Stefan Jackiw, Alina Ibragimova, Yasuko Ohtani, Shion Minami, Mayuko Kamio, Fumika Mori, Tatsuki Narita, Ren Goko, Yo Kitamura, Atsuko Aoki

<Woodwind and Brass> Matthias Hofs, Szabolcz Zempleni, Ayako Takagi

<Harp and Percussion> Naoko Yoshino (Harp), Nanae Mimura (Perc.)

<voice> Mihoko Fujimura, Miwako Handa, Maki Mori, Izumi Arihara, Takumi Yogi, Eijiro Kai

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Subscription Concerts / Suntory Hall

Date	Conductor/Artists	Program
No.629 Sun.19 th April 2015 2:00p.m.	Norichika Iimori Pf: Nikolay Khozyainov Va: Atsuko Aoki Tokyo Symphony Chorus	Chopin: Piano Concerto No.2 Kancheli: "Styxfor" viola,choir and orchestra Debussy: La Mer, trios esquisses
No.630 Thu.14 th May 2015 7:00p.m.	Hubert Soudant Fl: Ayako Takagi Hp:Naoko Yoshino	Mozart: Symphony No.31 Mozart: Concerto for Flute and Harp Franck: Symphony in D minor
No.631 Sat.6 th June 2015 6:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott	R. Strauss: Metamorphosen for 23 solo strings Bruckner: Symphony No.7
No.632 Thu.16 th July 2015 7:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Pf: Dezso Ranki	Stravinsky: Symphonies of Wind Instruments Bartok: Piano Concerto No.1 Beethoven: Symphony No.5
No.633 Sat.12 th September 2015 6:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Ms :Mihoko Fujimura Little Singers of Tokyo Tokyo Symphony Chorus	Mahler: Symphony No.3
No.634 Sat.17 th October 2015 6:00p.m.	Krzysztof Urbanski Vn: Stefan Jackiw	Brahms: Tragische Ouverture Mozart: Violin Concerto No.5 "Turkish" Stravinsky: The Fire Bird Suite (1945 version)
No.635 Sun.22 th November 2015 2:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Pf: Emanuel Ax	Ligeti: Poeme Symphonique for 100 metronomes Bach: Komm, süsser Tod, BWV478 R. Strauss: Burleske in D minor Shostakovich: Symphony No.15
No.636 Sun.13 th December 2015 2:00p.m.	Mark Gorenstein Pf: Sergey Kasprov	Mussorgsky: "Night on Bald Mountain" Symphonic poem (arranged by Rimsky-Korsakov) Rachmaninov: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.5
No.637 Sat.16 th January 2016 6:00p.m.	Kazuyoshi Akiyama Pf: Makoto Ozone Trp: Matthias Hofstetter	Hindemith: Ragtime Kerschek: Trumpet Dances Shostakovich: Piano Concerto No.1 Shostakovich: Jazz Suites No.2
No.638 Sat.26 th March 2016 6:00p.m.	Dmitri Kiaenko Vn: Tatsuki Narita	Tchaikovsky: "Eugene Onegin" Polonaise Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D major Shostakovich: Symphony No.5 in D minor

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Kawasaki Subscription Concerts / Muza Kawasaki Symphony Hall

Date	Conductor/Artists	Program
No.50 Sat.18th April 2015 5:00p.m.	Norichika Iimori Pf: Nikolay Khozainov Va: Atsuko Aoki Tokyo Symphony Chorus	Chopin: Piano Concerto No.2 Kancheli: "Styx" for viola, choir and orchestra Debussy: La Mer, trois esquisses symphoniques pour orchestre
No.51 Sat.18th July 2015 5:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Pf: Ranki Dezso	Stravinsky: Symphonies of Wind Instruments Bartok: Piano Concerto No.1 Beethoven: Symphony No.5
No.52 Sun.13th September 2015 2:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Ms: Mihoko Fujimura Little Singers of Tokyo Tokyo Symphony Chorus	Mahler: Symphony No.3
No.53 Sat.12 th December 2016 5:00p.m.	Mark Gorenstein Pf: Sergey Kasprov	Mussorgsky: "Night on Bald Mountain" Rachmaninov: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.5
No.54 Sun.27th March 2016 2:00p.m.	Dmitri Kitaenko Vn: Tatsuki Narita	Tchaikovsky: "Eugene Onegin" Polonase Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D major Shostakovich: Symphony No.5 in D minor

Tokyo Opera City Series / Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall

Date	Conductor/Artists	Program
No.85 Sat.25th April 2015 2:00p.m.	Kazuyoshi Akiyama Sop(Scat): Miwako Handa	Eduard Strauss: Bahn frei ! J.Strauss II: Vergnugungszug, Villa-Lobos: "The Peasant's Little Train" Bachianas Brasileira No.2-IV Lumbye: Kopenhagener Eisenbahn Dampf Galopp Honegger: "Pacific 231" Mouvement Symphonique No.1 Nozomi Aoki: Suite "Galaxy Express 999"
No.86 Sat.23th May 2015 2:00p.m.	Krzystof Urbanski Vc: Tatjana Vassiljeva	Lutostawski: Symphony No.4 Dvorak: Cello Concerto in B minor Smetana: Ma Vlast ~ Vysehra, Vltava (Die Moldau), Sarka
No.87 Sat.11th July 2015 2:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Pf: Mami Hagiwara	Toshio Hosokawa: Circulating Ocean Ravel: Piano Concerto for left hand Debussy: Images for orchestra
No.88 Sat.5th September 2015 2:00p.m.	Naoto Otomo Vn: Shion Minami	Ravel: Le Tombeau de Couperin, suite Korngold: Violin Concerto in D major Sibelius: Symphony No.6 in D minor
No.89 Sat.28th November 2015 2:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott	Feldman: The Viola in My Life II Bartok: Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta, Sz.106 Dvorak: Symphony No.8 in G major
No.90 Sat. 19th March 2016 2:00p.m.	Norichika Iimori Sop: Maki mori MSop: Izumi Aihara Ten: Takumi Yogi Bar:Eijiro Kai Tokyo Symphony Chorus	Faure: Requiem in D minor Mozart: Requiem in D minor

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Masterpiece Classics Series / Muza Kawasaki Symphony Hall

Date	Conductor/Artists	Program
No.106 Sun. 26th April 2016 2:00p.m.	Kazuyoshi Akiyama Sop (Scat): Miwako Handa	Eduard Strauss: Bahn frei ! J.Strauss II : Vergnugungszug Villa-Lobos: "The Peasant's Little Train" Bachianas Brasileira No.2-IV Lumbye: Kopenhagener Eisenbahn Dampf Galopp Honegger: "Pacific 231" Mouvement Symphonique No.1 Nozomi Aoki: Suite "Galaxy Express 999"
No.107 Sun. 10th May 2015 2:00p.m.	Ken Takazeki Vn: Yasuko Ohtani	Vivaldi: Violin Concerto A minor Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto E minor Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No.1 Bruch: Violin Concerto No.1
No.108 Sun. 14th June 2015 2:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Hr: Szabolcs Zempleni Pf: Ken Wakabayashi*	R.Strauss: Symphonic poem "Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche" R.Strauss: Horn Concerto No.2 Stravinsky: Petrushka (1947)*
No.109 Sun. 5th July 2015 2:00p.m.	Taijiro Iimori Pf: Alexander Krichel	Borodin: "Polovtsian Dance" from "Prince Igor" Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No.2 Sibelius: Symphony No.2
No.110 Sun. 27th September 2015 2:00p.m.	Patrycja Pieczara Vn: Alina Ibragimova	Mendelssohn: Overture "The Fingal's Cave" Mozart: Violin Concert No.3 Beethoven: Symphony No.7
No.111 Sun. 11th October 2015 2:00p.m.	Krzysztof Urbanski Pf: Yu Kosuge	Beethoven: Egmont Overture, op.84 Beethoven: Piano Concert No.3 Beethoven: Symphony No.3 "Eroica"
No.112 Mon.23 November 2015 2:00p.m.	Jonathan Nott Pf: Emanuel Ax	Ligeti: Poeme Symphonique for 100 metronomes Bach: Komm, süsser Tod, BWV478 R.Strauss: Burleske in D minor Shostakovich: Symphony No.15
No.113 Sat. 26 December 2015 2:00p.m.	Naoto Otomo Tokyo Symphony Chorus	Corelli :Concerto Grosso "Christmas Concerto" Beethoven: Symphony No.9 "Choral"
No.114 Sun. 31th January 2016 2:00p.m.	Norichika Iimori	Beethoven: Symphony No.4 Beethoven: Symphony No.5 Beethoven: Symphony No.6 "Pastorale"
No.115 Sun. 13th March 2016 2:00p.m.	Hansjorg Schellenberger Vn: Sunao Goko	Beethoven: Violin Concerto Brahms: Symphony No.2

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Special Concerts

Date	Conductor/Artists	Program
~Tokyo Symphony Kid Program~ Wed. 29 th April, 2015 11:00a.m./2:30p.m. Muza Kawasaki Symphony Hall	Conductor/TBA Zoorashian brass	TBA
Japan Contemporary series No. 18 Sat. 10 th October, 2015 3:00p.m. Muza Kawasaki Symphony Hall	Naoto Otomo	All works by Fumio Hayasaka Bolero from "Rashoumon" A story of Mukutree *with animation Symphonic Suite "Yukara"
Special Concert Mon. 28 th December 2015, 6:30p.m. Tues. 29 th December 2015, 2:00p.m. Suntory Hall	Kazuyoshi Akiyama Vn: Humika Mouri Soloists/TBA Tokyo Symphony Chorus	Vivaldi: "Spring" & "Winter" from "Four Seasons" Beethoven: Symphony No.9 "Choral"
New Year Concert Sat.9 th January 2016, 2:00p.m. Suntory Hall	Kazuyoshi Akiyama Pf: Hiroko Nakamura	J.Strauss II : Waltz "Tales from the Vienna Woods" Tchaikovsky : Piano Concerto No.1 Dvorak : Symphony No.9 "From the New World"

Subscription Concert Series for Children / Suntory Hall

Date	Conductor/Artists	Program
Sat.11 th April, 2015 11:00p.m. <i>A long, long time ago</i>	Yukio Huijoka Vc: You Kitamura	Mozart: Overture from the Opera "Marriage of Le Figaro" Vivaldi: First movement from "Spring" from Four Seasons J.S.Bach: Air on the G String Haydn: Cello Concerto~First movement Beethoven: Excerpts from Symphony No.6
Sat.4 th July, 2015 11:00p.m. <i>A little romantic</i>	Yuki Kakiuchi Pf: Miyuji Kaneko	Weber: Overture from the opera "Der Freischutz" Liszt: Two and Third movements from Piano Concerto No.1 Mendelssohn: overture from the opera "Fingal's Cave" Schubert: Excerpts from Symphony No.7 "Unfinished"
Sat.26 th September, 2015 11:00p.m. <i>More romantic</i>	Chikara Iwamura Vn: Mayumi Kamio	Grieg: Late spring from two elegiac melodies Tchaikovsky: First movement from Violin Concerto Dvorak: Second movement from Symphony No.8 Wagner: Overture from "Der fliegende Holländer"
Sat.14 th November 2015 11:00p.m. <i>Our Era</i>	Norichika Iimori Mar, Xyl. : Nanae Mimura Young musicians	Kaoru Wada: Illusion of INU-YASHA Piazzolla: Libertango Yoshimatsu: Third movement from Bird Rhythmic Kabalevsky: Gallop from suite "Clown" Khachaturian: Sabre Dance, Lezginka from Ballet suite, "Gayaneh" *perform together with young musicians Stravinsky: First part from "The rite of spring"

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