

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Simone Viola, Marketing & Communications Coordinator
sviola@bpo.org, (716) 242-7814

JoAnn Falletta and BPO present two-weekend festival celebrating 150 years of Rachmaninoff

Festival features pianists Alexander Malofeev and Natasha Paremski;
Paremski steps in for Fabio Bidini



The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Music Director JoAnn Falletta are delighted to begin their Rachmaninoff Festival this weekend, in celebration of legendary composer Sergei Rachmaninoff's 150th birthday this year. The festival includes two concert programs with two performances each, spanning this weekend and next. Paying homage to Rachmaninoff's virtuosity as a pianist, and his own 1941 performance in Kleinhans Music Hall, each program spotlights a favorite pianist of Buffalo audiences.

This Friday and Saturday (Nov 3-4), **Alexander Malofeev** returns for his fourth appearance at Kleinhans, where he made his American debut in 2021 at 19 years old and formed a lasting bond with Buffalo. Malofeev will tackle Rachmaninoff's famous **Piano Concerto No.3**, complementing the orchestra's renditions of Rachmaninoff's *Vocalise* and *Isle of the Dead*.

Next Saturday and Sunday (Nov 11-12), the orchestra welcomes back pianist **Natasha Paremski** to take the place of originally scheduled guest Fabio Bidini, who is unable to travel to Buffalo for the weekend. Paired with Rachmaninoff's second symphony, Paremski will perform his **Piano Concerto No. 2** to close out the festival.

"Fabio Bidini is a great friend of JoAnn and the orchestra. We wish him the best and hope to invite him back soon," BPO President and Executive Director Daniel Hart comments. "We're so grateful to Natasha Paremski for stepping in on short notice. She last joined us in 2017 to rave reviews, and we're very excited that she can perform with us again."

For concert details including dates, times, and programs, visit bpo.org/events. Tickets can be purchased online, in-person at the Box Office in Kleinhans Music Hall, or by calling (716) 885-5000.

Find images [here](#). For additional information, interviews, photos, or video, contact Simone Viola at sviola@bpo.org or (716) 242-7814.

To learn more about the BPO's storied history, [distinguished conductors and world-class musicians](#), and commitment to [IDEA](#), visit the [Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra](#).



###