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BPO debuts new concert grand piano this month

**Steinway piano donated through fund at Community Foundation
for Greater Buffalo debuts October 11 & 13 at Kleinhans Music Hall**



*BPO with new piano at
Steinway factory in Queens, NY*

*October 11 & 13 piano soloist, Joyce Yang
Photo by KT Kim*

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra is delighted to announce the addition of a brand new concert grand piano to its musical family, provided through the generosity of the Wilfred and Joan Larson Fund at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The piano will debut on the Kleinhans Music Hall stage on October 11 and 13 at **Gershwin & Respighi**, with Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F performed by acclaimed pianist Joyce Yang.

The new Steinway Model D Concert Grand is an exciting update for the BPO and Kleinhans Music Hall, whose previous Model D was played for many decades. Starting this concert season and for decades to come, this piano will not only give BPO audiences opportunities to experience its pristine sound, but will also attract renowned international pianists to Buffalo to perform on the world-class instrument.

Every piano, even among identical models, has its own unique qualities. To select the Model D best suited for the BPO's sound and the acoustics of Kleinhans Music Hall, a group of BPO affiliates led by Music Director JoAnn Falletta and President/Executive Director Daniel Hart visited the Steinway factory in Queens, NY. Eric Huebner, pianist of the New York

Philharmonic and Chair of the University at Buffalo's Department of Music, tested the various pianos presented by Steinway to help choose the right one.

Huebner shares, "I was thrilled when my friend, Dan Hart, asked me to assist in selecting a new Steinway at the factory in Queens. I've been to Steinway's selection room on a few different occasions, and I can say without question that the new Model D we selected is among the best I've played. It has warmth and projection, and will have no trouble going toe to toe with the great Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. I can't wait to hear it in concert."

Falletta adds, "The sound, depth, and luster of our new Steinway will greatly enhance our musical offerings in Kleinhans. We chose this beautiful instrument for its strength, its evenness of registers, and its gorgeous tone, and I believe our audience will be very impressed with its debut in the Gershwin Concerto in F, performed by the amazing pianist Joyce Yang."

The BPO and Kleinhans Music Hall extend their deepest gratitude to the Wilfred and Joan Larson Fund and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo for this invaluable gift.

Betsy Constantine, President/CEO of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, comments, "The care with which this beautiful gift was selected is so fitting when you think about honoring the legacy of Will and Joan Larson, who kept Buffalo in their hearts even after they moved away. This gift will pay dividends to Western New York for generations to come, and through their fund at the Community Foundation, the Larsons will continue sharing their love of music with our region forever."

For details on the piano's debut performances, visit bpo.org/gershwin-respighi. Tickets can be purchased online, in-person at the Box Office in Kleinhans Music Hall, or by calling (716) 885-5000.

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