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**Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra presents
"Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey"
in partnership with Buffalo Toronto Public Media**



The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra is thrilled to present *Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey* at Kleinhans Music Hall in partnership with Buffalo Toronto Public Media on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM. This unique multimedia concert blends breathtaking Romantic-era music, evocative video from across Europe, and personal narration by acclaimed travel writer and television host Rick Steves—offering audiences a one-of-a-kind cultural experience. Steves' in-person appearance makes this a not-to-be-missed event!

The symphonic journey transports concertgoers across several European nations—Italy, Germany, the Czech Republic, Great Britain, Norway, and France—culminating in a rousing performance of Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*. Selections from Romantic-era composer greats like Strauss, Elgar, Verdi, Grieg, Wagner, Smetana, and Saint-Saëns underscore stunning high-definition travel footage curated by Rick Steves himself. Beloved by millions for his PBS series and bestselling travel guides, Steves serves as narrator and guide in this special event. His thoughtful reflections on European art, culture, and history are interwoven with corresponding orchestral music performed by the BPO, creating a rich narrative tapestry that has captivated audiences across the country.

This performance is presented in partnership with Buffalo Toronto Public Media (BTPM), which also serves as the concert's official media sponsor. The collaboration includes regional promotion across BTPM PBS, BTPM NPR, and BTPM Classical, and ties into the national broadcast of the *Rick Steves'*

Europe: A Symphonic Journey TV special airing on PBS.

Tickets will first become available to BTPM donors during a live special on Wednesday, August 13 on BTPM PBS, followed by an exclusive window for BPO subscribers. General public on-sale begins Saturday, August 23 at 10:00 AM ET.

Details:

- Concert Date: Sunday, March 15, 2026
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Kleinhans Music Hall, 3 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY
- Tickets: Available via BTPM PBS live special, bpo.org, or by calling 716-885-5000
- Bonus Opportunity: A post-concert reception with Rick Steves is anticipated; details forthcoming.

About the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra:

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Society, Inc. provides a resident, professional, major symphony orchestra of artistic excellence and integrity to enrich the quality of life in Western New York through the presentation of live symphonic music and other musical events, which educate and entertain the broadest possible audiences within and beyond the WNY region. Since 1940, the orchestra's permanent home has been Kleinhans Music Hall, a National Historic Landmark designed by Eliel and Eero Saarinen with an international reputation as one of the finest concert halls in the United States. Since its inception in 1935, the BPO has served as Buffalo's cultural ambassador. JoAnn Falletta is the Music Director of the GRAMMY Award-winning orchestra, which presents more than 120 Classics, Pops, Rock, Kids, and Youth concerts each year. For more information, visit bpo.org.

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