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# ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES TWO NEW CONCERTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020: AARON NEVILLE DUO IN CONCERT, FEBRUARY 22, AND THE MUSIC OF QUEEN, FEBRUARY 28

### Tickets on sale now for February 2020 concerts

(November 14, St. Louis, MO) – Today, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra announced two additional concerts to its exciting 2019/2020 season lineup: the Aaron Neville Duo in Concert and The Music of Queen. The Aaron Neville Duo in Concert will be on Saturday, February 22, 2020, and The Music of Queen featuring the SLSO will be on Friday, February 28, 2020. Both concerts begin at 7:30pm at Powell Hall.

Multi-platinum recording artist Aaron Neville brings his R&B and soul hits to St. Louis on Saturday, February 22, 2020. His hits span five decades, beginning with "Tell It Like It Is," which peaked at number two on the *Billboard* Hot 100 in 1966. Throughout his career, he teamed up with his brothers to form the recording group The Neville Brothers, as well as a Grammy Award-winning collaboration with Linda Ronstadt. The New Orleans soul and funk native is "arguably the most distinctive vocal stylist on the planet." While the SLSO will not perform as part of this concert, it is proud to welcome this legendary musician to Powell Hall.

Recognized as one of the leading musical groups of all time, Queen shattered barriers in the rock music world with innovative orchestrations and powerful lyrics. Back by popular demand, the SLSO and a full rock band celebrate the legendary music of Queen in a performance that bridges the gap between rock n' roll and classical music on Friday, February 28. Led by conductor Brent Havens with vocals by Brody Dolyniuk, experience this electrifying concert as the SLSO and rock band soar through tunes from all of Queens most memorable albums including *Queen*, *The Works*, *Jazz* and more.

The Aaron Neville Duo and the Music of Queen are the latest artist added to the SLSO's 19/20 Live at Powell Hall concerts. Upcoming concerts include Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra (December 4, 2019) and Ben Folds (February 13-14, 2020). Since 2010, the SLSO has hosted more than 150 Live at Powell Hall concerts: from movies like *Singin' in the Rain, Harry Potter*, and *Jurassic Park*, to tribute concerts and one-night-only performances with award-winning guests including Boyz II Men, Ben Folds, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and Idina Menzel.

## **Calendar listings**

**Aaron Neville Duo in Concert** 





Saturday, February 22, 2020, 7:30pm Powell Hall, 718 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will not perform on this program

Music of Queen Friday, February 28, 2020, 7:30pm Powell Hall, 718 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO

Brent Havens, conductor Brody Dolyniuk, vocals

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at <u>slso.org</u> or by calling the Box Office at 314-534-1700.

#### **About the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra**

Celebrated as one of today's most exciting and enduring orchestras, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is the second-oldest orchestra in the country, marking its 140th year with the 2019/2020 season and its first with Music Director Stéphane Denève. Widely considered one of the world's finest orchestras, the SLSO maintains its commitment to artistic excellence, educational impact, and community connections – all in service to its mission of enriching lives through the power of music.

In addition to its regular concert performances at Powell Hall, which has been the permanent home of the SLSO for more than 50 years, the orchestra is an integral part of the diverse and vibrant St. Louis community, presenting dozens of free education and community programs and performances throughout the region each year. It has an ongoing commitment to championing music of our time, through commissions, a collaboration with the Mizzou New Music Initiative, and its popular St. Louis Symphony Live at the Pulitzer. The SLSO also serves as the resident orchestra for Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, with the upcoming season marking the 43rd year of this unique partnership.

The Grammy Award-winning SLSO's impact beyond the St. Louis region is realized through weekly Saturday night concert broadcasts on St. Louis Public Radio, acclaimed recordings, and regular touring activity. A sought-after artistic partner by preeminent musicians and composers from across the globe, as well as by local and national organizations, the SLSO enjoys a long history of robust and enduring artistic collaborations that have developed and deepened over the years.

Today, the SLSO builds on the institution's current momentum on all fronts, including artistic, financial, audience growth, and community impact, and looks toward the future with Stéphane Denève. For more information, visit slso.org.

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