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### **Superstar Cellist Joshua Roman Joins Albany Symphony in Tchaikovsky Celebration**

(ALBANY, NY) - The Albany Symphony invites Capital Region audiences to immerse themselves in a celebration of Tchaikovsky's most famous masterpieces, while enjoying the newest American cello sensation, Joshua Roman at the Palace Theatre on April 23rd, at 7:30pm. The all-Tchaikovsky concert features a performance of his final towering masterpiece, the Symphony No. 6, "Pathétique," premiered shortly before his death. Tchaikovsky's exquisite Rococo Variations for Cello and Orchestra will feature our soloist, Joshua Roman, who recently retired at the age of 23 from his position as Principal Cellist of the Seattle Symphony so he could pursue his busy solo career. Roman is a titan of the instrument and is just becoming internationally known, so this is a fine opportunity for the ASO's audiences to hear him early in his career.

Dubbed a "Classical Rock Star" by the press, cellist Joshua Roman has earned a reputation for performing a wide range of repertoire while communicating the essence of the music at its most organic level. He became the principal cellist of the Seattle Symphony at the age of 22, and has performed sold out solo and chamber performances. When not performing with an Orchestra, Joshua can be found on club stages, performing music as varied as jazz or rock, as well as chamber music or solo sonatas. His fearless pursuit of new challenges has led him to expand his horizons and embark full-time on his growing solo classical career.

The Albany Symphony program also includes Tchaikovsky's immortal Marche Slave, and a work that is almost unknown today, but was the composer's calling card and best-known work during his lifetime: the "Theme and Variations" from his Orchestral Suite No. 3.

Prior to the performance the Albany Symphony will be collecting non-perishable food items as part of the Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive, an effort organized by the League of American Orchestras - which represents the nation's professional, volunteer, and youth orchestras - and Feed

America's network of over 200 food banks and 63,000 agencies. All food that is collected will be donated to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. For information about the types of food that can be accepted please visit [www.AlbanySymphony.com](http://www.AlbanySymphony.com).

Pre-performance talks with Joshua Roman and conductor David Alan Miller will take place on Thursday April 21st, 12:00pm at the Albany Public Library (161 Washington Ave., Albany, NY), and Friday, April 23rd, 6:30pm at the Albany Visitor's Center. More information about the performances or its featured artists can be found at the Albany Symphony's website at [www.AlbanySymphony.com](http://www.AlbanySymphony.com), or by calling (518) 465-4755.

**The Albany Symphony Orchestra presents: "Tchaikovsky Spectacular"**

**When:** Friday, April 23rd, 2010, 7:30pm

**Where:** Palace Theatre, Albany

Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the Palace Theatre Box Office, by calling (518) 465-4663, or by visiting [PalaceAlbany.com](http://PalaceAlbany.com), or [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com). \$25-\$49, \$15 Students

**About the ASO**

The Albany Symphony Orchestra is one of this region's oldest and most revered music and cultural organizations, having won numerous national awards for its adventurous programming of contemporary music and innovative educational efforts involving area schools for nearly 80 years. As the only professional symphony orchestra based within the Capital Region, the Albany Symphony aims to enrich a broad and diverse regional community, engaging over 150,000 people each year across an extended geographical area.

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