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Albany Symphony Invites Community to Celebrate at 80th Anniversary-Season Kickoff Party

Shaken, Not Stirred. On Wednesday, September 1, the Albany Symphony invites the Capital Region to an 80th Anniversary Season "Kickoff Party" at Dale Miller's *The Art of Dining* restaurant in downtown Albany. Occurring during the week prior to the orchestra's Opening Night performance, the party will feature Albany Symphony Music Director & Conductor David Alan Miller and the orchestra's Principal Trumpet Eric Berlin behind the bar serving up cocktails for everyone present. The restaurant will donate 25% of food & beverage sales in the bar to the orchestra. The event will take place on **Wednesday, September 1** from **5:30 to 7:30PM. No reservations required.** For more information, call 518.465.4755 or visit AlbanySymphony.com.

The Albany Symphony will open its landmark 80th Anniversary-Carnegie Hall season with one of the world's greatest living pianists and audience-favorite, Yefim Bronfman, for a touching, beautiful program on September 11, 2010 that includes Prokofiev, Brahms, and an evocative, soulful work by the orchestra's resident-composer Derek Bermel. The concert will be held at 7:30PM at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Tickets will be on-sale to the public beginning Monday, August 30th, at 10AM. Tickets can be purchased by visiting AlbanySymphony.com.

The 2010-2011 season marks the 80th Anniversary for the Albany Symphony, and one where it is being recognized for its steadfast commitment to new music, living composers, and innovative programming at the inaugural Spring for Music Festival, held at New York's Carnegie Hall. The appearance at the famous concert hall will be the first for the orchestra in its history. The symphony continues to invite supporters from around the area to join in the celebration by subscribing to this extraordinary musical journey. For more information on subscribing, or to place an order, please visit www.albanysymphony.com or call (518) 465-4755.

For more information on the Albany Symphony's 80th Anniversary-Carnegie Hall season, tickets, or for other inquiries, please visit www.albanysymphony.com or call (518) 465-4755.

About the ASO

The Albany Symphony is one of this region's most revered music and cultural institutions, having won numerous national awards for its adventurous concert programming, recording projects, composer residencies, and innovative educational

efforts involving area schools throughout the region. As the only professional symphony orchestra based within the Capital Region, the Albany Symphony enriches a broad and diverse regional community, engaging over 150,000 people each year across an extended geographical area. After reviewing the Albany Symphony's recent 2009 recording of music by resident composer George Tsontakis, American Record Guide proclaimed: "The Albany Symphony is now one of the country's great orchestras."

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