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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Albany Symphony to feature 14 Year-old Piano Virtuoso George Li in Exciting November 14<sup>th</sup> Performance**

(ALBANY, NY) - On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Albany Symphony Orchestra will play host to pianist George Li, an outstanding 14-year old virtuoso and one of the most talented young artists in the country. He has appeared as soloist with the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Miami Symphony Orchestra, and has been featured at New York's Carnegie Hall on the NPR radio program "From the Top", and ABC's Martha Stewart Show. George Li will be performing Saint-Saëns' popular *Piano Concerto No. 2* with the Albany Symphony, at 7:30pm at the Palace Theatre in Albany.

Also featured at this performance is composer Stacy Garrop. Garrop is the Albany Symphony's 2009-10 "Composer-Educator Partner," part of the orchestra's new Composer to Center Stage initiative, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This program will foster close collaborations between the Albany Symphony and several extraordinary composers over the next three years, generating a variety of concerts, commissioning events, recordings, and community and educational engagement activities.

This concert is the first opportunity to meet Stacy Garrop, with the performance of her dazzling orchestral piece "*Becoming Medusa*": a tone-poem which begins with a musical portrait of the hideous Gorgon, then imagines in retrospect what she was like before the Gods turned her into a grotesque monster. Rounding out the concert will be Brahms' Second Symphony, one of the towering masterpieces of the Romantic period, and featuring one of the greatest cello melodies of all time in its second movement.

For more information about the performance or its featured artists can be found on Albany Symphony's website at [www.AlbanySymphony.com](http://www.AlbanySymphony.com).

Now in its 79<sup>th</sup> season, the Albany Symphony celebrates our great musical heritage through brilliant live performances, innovative educational programming, and engaging cultural events. The ASO enriches a broad and diverse regional community by creating, recording, and disseminating the music of our time, and is establishing an enduring artistic legacy that is reshaping the nation's musical future.

#### **Young Artist Showcase: 14-year old Pianist George Li**

**When:** Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

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