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Albany Symphony Maestro Extends Contract

Orchestra creates special giving society to honor Miller's impact on the community,
and help to ensure the orchestra's future.

(ALBANY, NY) –David Alan Miller, Albany Symphony Music Director, Conductor, and Capital Region icon for nearly twenty years, has extended his contract with the organization through 2015. Since 1992, he has reaffirmed the Albany Symphony's reputation as the nation's leading champion of American symphonic music and one of the country's most groundbreaking orchestras. In recognition of this extraordinary legacy, the Albany Symphony has created the ***Friends of David Alan Miller Society***. The newly-established giving society will create a meaningful tribute that affords the Albany Symphony a more effective avenue for recognizing the orchestra's most generous supporters, and will help ensure that Miller will be able to continue bringing the best musicians, composers, guest artists, and collaborators to the Capital Region for performances that will educate, entertain, uplift and inspire.

David Alan Miller has led the Albany Symphony for nearly twenty years. In that time, he has transformed the Albany Symphony into one of the nation's leading orchestras through the exploration of innovative repertoire, educational programming, community outreach, and recording initiatives. During his tenure, he has launched the orchestra's award-winning Adopt-a-School program and other bold educational initiatives that have reached tens of thousands of school children, a popular Saratoga Concert Series, numerous composer residencies and educational programs, collaborations with area arts groups, and the pioneering new music ensemble Dogs of Desire. Most recently, the Albany Symphony made its Carnegie Hall debut in May 2011 where it was presented as one of the most innovative orchestras in North America – a performance which garnered rave reviews and which lead Elliot Forrest of National Public Radio to declare that the Albany Symphony was “a world class orchestra.”

Albany Symphony patrons who have been close to the orchestra for many years and would like to applaud its progress are now invited to make an annual donation at the \$5,000 level to specifically honor the work of our maestro. Members of the *Friends of David Alan Miller Society* will receive exclusive benefits, including private receptions and events with David Alan Miller; personalized, concierge service for Albany Symphony concerts and other events; and priority invitations to the orchestra's annual Conductor's Circle celebration party and other special events.

More information about David Alan Miller, the *Friends of David Alan Miller Society* or Albany Symphony performances can be found at the Albany Symphony's website at www.AlbanySymphony.com, or by calling (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 the Albany Symphony's Carnegie Hall debut in May 2011 National Public Radio raved that the Albany Symphony was a "world class orchestra" and the New York Times declared the orchestra was "bold...polished and clear."

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