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Prague Summer Nights: Young Artists Music Festival Secures Future with Key Leadership Appointments

Contract Renewal with Artistic Director John Nardolillo and Appointment of Derek Maseloff as Festival Director Mark a Promising New Chapter

ALEXANDRIA, VA October 3, 2023 – Prague Summer Nights: Young Artists Music Festival, a renowned international training program for emerging talents in opera and orchestra, is thrilled to announce the contract renewal of Artistic Director John Nardolillo and the appointment of Derek Maseloff as the Festival Director. This announcement follows a highly successful 2023 season featuring 14 performances across four cities in the Czech Republic.

Produced by Classical Movements and CEO Neeta Helms, Prague Summer Nights has been instrumental in fostering the careers of young artists, providing them with the invaluable opportunity to perform on globally acclaimed stages.

Neeta Helms expressed her enthusiasm: “I am incredibly excited to continue building this wonderful program in its ninth season. Under John's direction, Prague Summer Nights has become an internationally recognized festival offering world-class instruction to hundreds of singers, orchestral musicians, conductors, and directors. With this continuity in our festival leadership, Prague Summer Nights will continue to serve as the launching pad for the careers of so many deserving young artists.”

In 2024, the festival is set to return to the iconic Estates Theatre in Prague, where members of the opera studio will perform Mozart's "Le nozze di Figaro" and "Don Giovanni," alongside a series of orchestral concerts. The upcoming summer will also feature a brand-new collaboration with musicians from the Czech Philharmonic orchestra, who will work with and mentor members the Prague Summer Nights Festival Orchestra in preparation of their July concert at Smetana Hall in Prague.

Artistic Director John Nardolillo shared: “The Prague Summer Nights Festival is a beautiful experience of life-changing music-making for everyone involved. I’m thrilled about the upcoming season, and look forward to being back in Prague this coming summer.”

Festival Director Derek Maseloff offered: “Prague Summer Nights is already one of the world’s top young artists programs, and I believe in the coming years we will elevate the program to new heights. I am thrilled for the opportunity to continue this collaboration with John and Neeta and look forward to the future of the festival.”



About Prague Summer Nights Young Artists Music Festival

Prague Summer Nights: Young Artists Music Festival offers aspiring operatic and orchestral professionals the opportunity to perform in Europe's most historic venues, including fully-staged opera productions, symphonic performances, chamber music concerts, an opera scenes program and even a cabaret concert. The festival also provides experience for up-and-coming conductors, stage directors, coaches, composers, and arts administrators.

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