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HPO Opens 2009.2010 Season with HPO By Request

Hamilton, Ontario...The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** announces that single tickets for the opening performance of the 2009-2010 season, **HPO By Request**, are on sale as of Friday, August 14th, 2009. **HPO By Request** takes place on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 7:30pm at **Hamilton Place**.

Conducted by Artistic Director **James Sommerville** and hosted by CBC Radio 2's **Tom Allen**, this first performance of the **Pops Series** features a programme of classical favourites selected entirely by HPO fans. Fans were invited to submit their requests to the HPO along with personal stories of why each piece came to be one of their favourites, and the stories are passed on to Tom Allen who will share them with the audience before each piece.

Full concert programme includes:

"Walking The Dog"	Gershwin
Ma Mere L'Oye	Ravel
Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral	Wagner
Fantasia on Greensleeves	Vaughn Williams
Clarinet Concerto	Mozart
William Tell Overture	Rossini
Swan Lake Excerpts	Tchaikovsky
Canon in D Major	Pachelbel
Indiana Jones	John Williams
Finlandia	Sibelius

Performance Information for **HPO By Request**:

Date + Time: Hamilton Place
Saturday, September 19 at 7:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$18 - \$57
Student tickets available for \$10

Venue: Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

Tickets: In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East
Phone: 905-526-7756
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

Single tickets for the **Pops Series**, **Masterworks Series**, and **Elegance Series** are also on sale as of Friday, August 14, 2009. Information for each performance is available online at hpo.org, and ticket purchase information is as above.

The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1884 as The Hamilton Orchestral Society, and grew to become one of Canada's major professional orchestras. Today the HPO is a leader in Hamilton's robust arts community where it provides professional orchestral services and music education programmes to address the needs of the community. The HPO continues to commission and premiere works, and is one of the artistic jewels of the Hamilton/Burlington area. The combined musical talents of its artists continue to enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

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