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**The Philadelphia Orchestra,  
Lang Lang International Music Foundation™,  
and Temple University's Office of Community Relations  
Present 101 Pianists™**

*Unique PlayIN Comes to Temple Performing Arts Center, May 10*

(Philadelphia, April 14, 2016)—[The Philadelphia Orchestra](#), acclaimed piano virtuoso [Lang Lang](#), [Lang Lang International Music Foundation™](#), and [Temple University's Office of Community Relations](#) present **101 Pianists™**, a special **PlayIN** experience, on **Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 PM**. One hundred young pianists from around the region, ages five through 18, are invited to perform with Philadelphia Orchestra Assistant Conductor Lio Kuokman and Lang Lang onstage at the Temple Performing Arts Center. Paired on 50 Roland pianos, participants will perform Brahms's Hungarian Dance No. 5 in F-sharp minor and Schubert's *Marche militaire* No. 1 in D major. This event is free for participants and audiences, and registration is now open via [Eventbrite](#).

"I started 101 Pianists to give piano students an opportunity to play together," said Lang Lang. "It started about 15 years ago at one of my concerts where I invited students to join me onstage for an encore—and we had a wonderful time. So, I wanted to do more of these events as a workshop and also a performance for the community. It's now one of the key programs of my foundation."

PlayINs are signature events for The Philadelphia Orchestra, and fall under the Access branch of the recently-announced [HEAR](#) initiative, a portfolio of programs that promotes wellness, champions music education, eliminates barriers to accessing the Orchestra, and maximizes impact through research. Participatory events like PlayINs are part of a full array of Orchestra programs designed to promote access for listeners of all ages to experience orchestral music either as listeners or performers. PlayINs have taken place regularly since 2012. Amateur musicians of all ages from across the Delaware Valley have dusted off their instrument cases in events showcasing the Suzuki violin, flute, cello, double bass, viola, harp, woodwind, and brass sections of the Orchestra. Several

have taken place at the Kimmel Center, with others at the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts, Haverford School, Mann Center, and the Temple Performing Arts Center.

The Lang Lang International Music Foundation™ developed the 101 Pianists™ program as an opportunity for young piano students to learn from and perform with Lang Lang for audiences around the world. With support from the Roland Corporation who provides 50 pianos for student performers, these hugely successful events have unfolded in Paris, Berlin, London, Hong Kong, and Rome, along with many other international cities inspiring over 100,000 audience members and 1,400 piano students.

Lang Lang closes The Philadelphia Orchestra's 2015-16 season with Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin, May 12 through 14, at the Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall. He performs Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 1; Mahler's Symphony No. 10 is also on the program.

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### **101 Pianists™ : Philadelphia Orchestra PlayIN**

May 10 at 5:30 PM — Tuesday evening — Temple Performing Arts Center

**Lio Kuokman** Conductor

**Lang Lang** Piano

Come play in a piano ensemble with Lang Lang's 101 Pianists™ at the Temple Performing Arts Center! Musicians across a range of abilities are invited to join this world-renowned artist onstage in a shared music-making event that will excite and inspire. This event is intended for students in grades K-12.

Registered participants are asked to arrive between 3:45 and 4 PM. Rehearsal begins promptly at 4:30 PM. To register, [click here](#).

**This event is free and open to the public, and audiences are welcome to attend.**

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### **Yannick and Lang Lang**

May 11 at 8 PM – Wednesday evening — Carnegie Hall, New York

May 12 at 8 PM – Thursday evening — Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

May 13 at 8 PM – Friday evening — Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

May 14 at 8 PM – Saturday evening — Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

### **The Philadelphia Orchestra**

**Yannick Nézet-Séguin** Conductor

**Lang Lang** Piano

Rachmaninoff

Piano Concerto No. 1

Mahler/Cooke

Symphony No. 10

A Philadelphia favorite himself, the incomparable Lang Lang plays another Philadelphia favorite, Sergei Rachmaninoff, whose career was so entwined with the Orchestra. Lang Lang's blend of youthful dynamism and extraordinary musicianship is perfect for the Piano Concerto No. 1, guaranteed to spark fireworks onstage. We end with Mahler's last symphony, No. 10, left unfinished at his death in 1911. Over the years many noted musicians and experts have worked on completing it. Great Britain's Deryck Cooke created the version first premiered and recorded in the U.S. by Eugene Ormandy and The Philadelphia Orchestra. Yannick's passion for this realization of Mahler's final work summons a Philadelphia Sound you'll feel as well as hear. Join us for this unforgettable season-ending event!

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