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Siberian Virtuosi cancels performance at Peabody Auditorium

The Siberian Virtuosi, the State Ensemble of the Republic of Sakha and heralded as "the pride of the Russian performing arts," has postponed its upcoming tour of the U.S. The Virtuosi had been contracted by the Daytona Beach Symphony Society and were scheduled to perform March 27 at Peabody Auditorium. The scheduled performance at Peabody Auditorium has been canceled.

The orchestra is from Yakutia, Russia and its U.S. tour was under the arrangement of World Touring, LLC of New York. According to Dorothy Allison, interim acting director of the Symphony Society, Leonid Fleishaker, president of World Touring, cited "insurmountable circumstances" have prevented the group from obtaining their Visas. According to Allison, Ticketmaster will issue refunds to everyone who purchased tickets for the performance, and the Symphony Society office will be contacting season subscribers directly.

The Symphony Society annually presents a six concert series of classical music, opera and ballet. Three concerts remain in the current season, which ends March 31:

- Tenors & Divas: 7 p.m., Saturday Jan. 29
- Verdi's Rigoletto: 7 p.m., Friday, Feb 4.
- Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra with Pianist Bruce Liu: 7 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 31

Tickets for the three remaining performances are available at <u>www.DBSS.org</u>, <u>www.Ticketmaster.com</u> or the Peabody Auditorium Box Office. Ticket prices range from \$51 to \$89. Discounts are available for groups, military, first-responders and students at the Peabody Box Office.

For 70 years, the Daytona Beach Symphony Society has presented excellent classical music, opera and ballet to residents throughout the area. Through its YES! Program (Youth Experiencing Symphony!), the Society targets at-risk students who are ages 6 to 18, providing free tickets to attend and experience a live performance. Since the program's beginning, more than 30,000 local students have been introduced to classical music.



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