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The Dallas Symphony Orchestra opens residence with Beethoven

Concert includes the Triple Concerto and Symphony No. 7

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VAIL — Tonight is the opening night concert of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, one of Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival's three resident orchestras that will visit Vail this summer. This is the first orchestral concert of Bravo!'s 24th season.

The all-Beethoven concert, set for 6 p.m. at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, features members of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Jaap van Zweden. This is Zweden's third summer traveling with the orchestra to Vail.

Violinist Ida Kavafian, cellist Peter

Wiley and pianist Anne-Marie McDermott join the orchestra for the first half of the program for Beethoven's Triple Concerto. Kavafian is the founding artistic director of the Festival, and McDermott is the new artistic director of the Festival.

"The Triple Concerto stands as one of the most impressive works of its kind in the repertoire," said Lynne Mazza, Bravo!'s program note writer.

Following intermission, the orchestra performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, a piece that is known for its dominating rhythmic figure and was included in the soundtrack of "The Kings Speech."

The third movement of the Symphony was immediately encored at its premiere, due to its popularity.

"There is rhythmic drive and explosive, dynamic contrast throughout the symphony," said Jacqueline Taylor, artistic administrator of the Festival. "The exhilarating last movement is the most recognizable part of the sym-

phony. It brings the work to an exciting conclusion."

Tickets start at \$24 for lawn seats and \$48 to \$60 for covered pavilion seats. Children 12 and younger receive free lawn admission. To purchase tickets, call 877-812-5700 or visit www.vailmusic.org.

A complimentary Performance Prelude takes place at 5 p.m. at the Betty Ford Gardens outside of the Amphitheater. NPR's Bruce Adolphe will lead a discussion on the repertoire for the evening titled "War, Triumph and Beethoven's Music."

Celebrating 24 seasons through Aug. 3, the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival presents the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic and Big Music for Little Bands, under the direction of newly appointed artistic director and pianist Anne-Marie McDermott. For a full festival schedule, visit www.vailmusicfestival.org or call 970-827-5700.