***Media Advisory***

National Symphony Orchestra’s
Free 2014 Labor Day Weekend Concert
West Lawn of the U. S. Capitol Sunday, August 31, at 8 p.m.

**What:** The National Symphony Orchestra’s traditional celebration of American music on Labor Day Weekend.

**Who:** NSO Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke, Emmy award-winning actress and singer Nicole Parker, actor and singer Christopher Johnstone, and Fox 5’s Shawn Yancy as narrator.

**Where:** The West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol (Rain Location Kennedy Center Concert Hall)

**When:** Sunday evening, August 31, 2014, at 8 p.m. Grounds open to the public at 3 p.m.

**Info:** The event is open to news coverage. All media must be pre-arranged and self-contained. Parking for satellite trucks on U.S. Capitol Grounds is limited, and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis on the east curb of First Street between Peace Circle and Constitution Avenue, NW. To secure access, RSVP by e-mail to Patricia O’Kelly by Friday, August 29, at 4 p.m.

**Program:**
- Steven Reineke, conductor
- Nicole Parker, vocalist
- Christopher Johnstone, vocalist
- Shawn Yancy, narrator

Patriotic favorites, including Aaron Copland’s Fanfare for the Common Man, America the Beautiful, and Randol Alan Bass’s A New Birth of Freedom, a setting of the Gettysburg address for orchestra and speaker, with Fox 5’s Shawn Yancy as narrator.

Nicole Parker and Christopher Johnstone, both gifted and popular performers, will sing perennial Broadway favorites, including songs from *Man of La Mancha, The King and I, South Pacific, Wicked,* and *Les Misérables.*

Selections from *Smash,* “Ed Sullivan Welcomes the Beatles,” and an Overture comprised of a delicious concoction of television themes pay tribute to yet another iconic component of American life.

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