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BPO 'rocks' in the new year with next series

Annual series fusing rock and orchestra kicks off January 19



The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra is gearing up for the January start of their 23-24 **Rock Series**, highlighting timeless rock hits from Led Zeppelin, Phil Collins & Genesis, and Fleetwood Mac that captivate listeners across generations. Sponsored by the **Yurtchuk Foundation** and led by BPO Rock conductor **Bradley Thachuk**, the series brings a distinct orchestral depth to fan-favorite rock music that cannot be heard anywhere else in Western New York.

BPO Principal Percussionist **Mark Hodges** shares some insight on this year's series from a drummer's perspective: "Our Rock Series is packed with exciting artists and a full symphony orchestra, making them some of the most thrilling concerts I've experienced! Here are some fun drum facts you may or may not know about the bands whose music we're amplifying this season at Kleinhans Music Hall."

- The Music of Led Zeppelin, January 19: "Led Zeppelin sold out Kleinhans when they played in our iconic venue in 1969 with the famous John Bonham on drums!"
- The Music of Phil Collins & Genesis, March 8: "Phil Collins' 'In the Air Tonight,'
 that you've played air drums to at Bills games, is one of the most recognized drum
 fills of all time."

 <u>Landslide: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac</u>, April 26: "Fleetwood Mac is actually named after their drummer, Mick Fleetwood, and not a hamburger."

Tickets can be purchased through the Classic Rock 3 subscription package offering all 3 concerts, or as individual events. Additional tickets to <u>The Music of Elton</u>

<u>John</u> (February 24) or <u>Symphony of Illusions</u> (June 8) are available at a 25% discount with the Rock 3 subscription. For details, visit <u>bpo.org/rock</u>.

Purchases can be made online, in-person at the Box Office in Kleinhans Music Hall, or by calling (716) 885-5000.

Find images <u>here</u>. For additional information, interviews, photos, or video, contact Simone Viola at <u>sviola@bpo.org</u> or (716) 242-7814.

To learn more about the BPO's storied history, <u>distinguished conductors and world-class</u> <u>musicians</u>, and commitment to <u>IDEA</u>, visit the <u>Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra</u>.



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