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HPO's James Sommerville to be featured in first Masterworks concert

Hamilton, Ontario...The **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** begins its Masterworks series by showcasing Music Director and horn player **James Sommerville** playing **Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3** in *Jamie Takes Centre Stage*. Also on the programme is Tchaikovsky's powerful Symphony No.5, conducted by Maestro Sommerville. Taking place on October 8th, 2009, it is the only Thursday concert of the season and is at 7:30pm at Hamilton Place.

This concert also marks **Maestro Sommerville's** solo performance debut with the **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** where he will rise to the challenge of leading the orchestra from the front of the stage while playing his French horn.

Additionally, the HPO will celebrate Maestro Sommerville's October 6th birthday by offering complimentary cake and coffee on the mezzanine level of Hamilton Place after the concert.

James Sommerville, a native of Toronto and a **JUNO Award** winning recording artist, is the Music Director of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra as well as principal horn of the **Boston Symphony Orchestra**. A critically acclaimed soloist, he has appeared throughout North America and Europe, and has been characterized by his ability to make the French horn sing.

Full concert programme includes:

Hiscott: Restless Wind

Mozart: Horn Concerto No. 3 in E flat major

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5

Performance Information for **Jamie Takes Centre Stage:**

Date + Time: Thursday, October 8 at 7:30pm

Ticket Prices: \$18 - \$57

Student tickets available for \$10

Venue: Hamilton Place, 1 Summers Lane

Tickets: In Person: HPO Box Office: 1002-105 Main Street East
Phone: 905-526-7756
Online: hpo.org; ticketmaster.ca

The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra was founded in 1884 as The Hamilton Orchestral Society, and grew to become one of Canada's major professional orchestras. Today the HPO is a leader in Hamilton's robust arts community where it provides professional orchestral services and music education programmes to address the needs of the community. The HPO continues to commission and premiere works, and is one of the artistic jewels of the Hamilton/Burlington area. The combined musical talents of its artists continue to enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for its residents. The 2009/2010 season marks the HPO's 125th year.

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