

HOLLYWOOD BOWL ORCHESTRA

Fact Sheet

- The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra (HBO) is the historical successor to the Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra which, starting in the mid-1940s, performed at the Bowl and recorded under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.
- The HBO debuted in the spring of 1991 through its first recording (*Hollywood Dreams*). Created and led by former principal conductor – now Founding Director – John Mauceri and featuring bass-baritone Bruce Hubbard, the HBO performed its first live concerts at the Hollywood Bowl later that year on the annual Fourth of July program.
- The HBO has performed more than 300 concerts, primarily on the Bowl stage, featuring artists as diverse as Joshua Bell, Big Bird, Julio Bocca, Tom Bosley, Garth Brooks, Carol Burnett, Glen Campbell, Nell Carter, Kristin Chenoweth, Chicago, The Chieftains, Charlotte Church, Evelyn Cisneros, Rosemary Clooney, Natalie Cole, Harry Connick, Jr., Barbara Cook, Roger Daltrey, John Denver, Melissa Errico, Joel Grey, Josh Groban, Jeremy Irons, Judy Kaye, Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, Ute Lemper, John Lithgow, Patti LuPone, Eric McCormack, Audra McDonald, Sylvia McNair, Marcel Marceau, Mariza, Sergio Mendes, Ann Miller, Marni Nixon, Fess Parker, Peter, Paul & Mary, Pink Martini, John Pizzarelli, Tito Puente, John and Bonnie Raitt, Dianne Reeves, Debbie Reynolds, Alice Ripley, Daniel Rodriguez, Gil Shaham, Howard Shore, Patrick Stewart, Deborah Voigt, William Warfield, André Watts, Brian Wilson and Trisha Yearwood; and, with guest conductors, Luciano Pavarotti, Tony Bennett, Andrea Bocelli, Garrison Keillor, Alicia Keys, Kenny Loggins, Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock and Yes.
- Initiated by Mauceri and the HBO, full-length concert productions of opera, ballet and staged Broadway musicals returned to the Hollywood Bowl – from *La traviata* to *La bohème*, featuring luminaries such as Jane Eaglen, Rodney Gilfry, Jennifer Larmore (in her first-ever *Carmen*), Alessandra Marc, Richard Margison, Patricia Racette and Ramón Vargas; from *Swan Lake* to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, in partnership with the Moiseyev Dance Company, the Joffrey Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre; and, since 2000, *Carousel*, *Show Boat* (narrated by William Warfield), Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* (with Eric McCormack and Kristin Chenoweth), *My Fair Lady* (with John Lithgow, Melissa Errico and Roger Daltrey), *Mame* (with Michele Lee), *Camelot* (with Jeremy Irons, Melissa

Errico and James Barbour) and *The Sound of Music* (with Melissa Errico, John Schneider, Jeffrey Tambor and Marni Nixon).

- The HBO has commissioned and/or premiered new works in a variety of genres from composers Sir Richard Rodney Bennett, Elmer Bernstein, Danny Elfman, Stephen Flaherty, Jerry Goldsmith, Adam Guettel, John Ottman and W.G. Snuffy Walden, to name a few.
- Several of the HBO's 14 recordings have received or been nominated for awards including:
 - *The Gershwins in Hollywood* (1991) – Deutsche Schallplatten Prize winner
 - Rodgers & Hammerstein: *The King & I* (1992) – Billboard Classical Crossover Record of the Year; Grammy nominated
- The HBO is the featured orchestra on the soundtrack for MGM/Turner Entertainment's *That's Entertainment! III*, released in 1994.
- The HBO has made five successful tours since 1991 with John Mauceri: four tours to Japan – including sold-out concerts in Osaka and Tokyo – and a highly-acclaimed tour to Rio de Janeiro and Saõ Paulo, Brazil.
- The orchestra has a complement of 80 players made up of classically-trained musicians who are among the best studio musicians in Los Angeles. Many make their daily living on Hollywood's scoring stages and also are accomplished soloists among Los Angeles' various regional and chamber orchestras.
- Among the praise for John Mauceri and the HBO's cultural contributions are a proclamation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in honor of their 200th concert held July 8, 2000; proclamations in honor of the 250th concert held August 31, 2002 from Governor Gray Davis and New York's Mayor Michael Bloomberg, respectively; and a proclamation from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in honor of their 300th concert held July 30, 2005.

###