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BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA VIOLINIST TO PRESENT FREE CONCERT AND MASTER CLASS IN BEL AIR

Concert Series Debuts September 24

Presented by The Maryland Center for the Arts and Music Land

Bel Air, MD, September 16, 2016 – The Maryland Center for the Arts in partnership with Music Land and musicians from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) proudly announce the establishment of a chamber concert and master class series for Harford County and the surrounding area residents in classical music, specifically to learn about the versatility of string, brass, and woodwind instruments, and to learn about how one becomes a professional musician.

The program consists of five 60-minute chamber music concerts featuring BSO musicians, along with a 60-minute master class prior to each concert for intermediate to high level music students from Harford County's private, parochial and public schools. The concerts and classes will be held at Music Land in Bel Air beginning with the first one on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

"We are honored to partner with two well-known musical organizations to bring an exciting chamber concert & educational program to the youth and adults of Harford County and surrounding areas."
stated Michael Jessup, CEO-Maryland Center for the Arts.

The September 24th concert and master class will feature BSO Concertmaster Jonathan Carney who is in his 15th season with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, after 12 seasons in the same position with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Born in New Jersey, Mr. Carney hails from a musical family with all six members having graduated from The Juilliard School. After enjoying critically acclaimed international tours as both concertmaster and soloist with numerous ensembles, Mr. Carney was invited by Vladimir Ashkenazy to become concertmaster of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in 1991. He was also appointed concertmaster of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in 1994 and the Basque National Orchestra in 1996. He has made a number of recordings, including concertos by Mozart, Vivaldi and Nielsen, sonatas by Brahms, Beethoven and Franck, and a disc of virtuoso works of by Sarasate and Kreisler with his mother Gloria Carney as pianist.

Mr. Carney is passionate about music education and currently serves as Artistic Director for the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras. He is also an artist in residence at the Baltimore School for the Arts, one of the country's premier high schools and also serves on its Board of Directors.

“Music Land has been helping people in Maryland discover, celebrate and play music for over 45 years,” said Music Land owner Larry Noto. “We’re excited to continue that tradition with this new partnership and series and are honored to welcome members of the BSO to the store.”

At the Maryland Center for the Arts, we believe learning through the arts is essential for personal growth and connection—making for a better world. Creating an inclusive, engaging, and supportive arts community is central to everything we do.

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If you would like more information about Chamber Concert & Master Class Series, please contact Amanda Pugh at 443-567-5216 or email at apugh@harfordcfa.org.