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Mount Vernon Place Conservancy Announces Symphony Number One to Perform New Work in Mount Vernon Place

(Baltimore, Maryland) –The Mount Vernon Place Conservancy (“*Conservancy*”) announces that Baltimore’s newest chamber orchestra, Symphony Number One (“**SNO**”), will perform in the West Square of Mount Vernon Place on Aug. 23, 2017 from 7 – 8:30 pm. The selection of works performed will include premiers of both new arrangements and new works by SNO’s group of composers. The public is invited is invited to this free event.

Each summer the Conservancy puts together a roster of free weekly programming for the Mount Vernon community and visitors to enjoy. Dr. Lance Humphries, the Executive Director of the Conservancy, commented: “We are always looking for additional performers to consider for each summer’s line-up, and this year we were struck by SNO’s connection to the Mount Vernon community. We were pleased upon contacting their conductor Jordan Randall Smith, that they were as excited about performing in Mount Vernon Place as we were to have them perform!”

SNO is dedicated to performing and promoting substantial works by emerging composers. Led by Music Director Jordan Randall Smith, SNO brings together great composers of the past, virtuoso performers of the present, and the leading compositional voices of the future. In just two years, SNO has released 3 albums (available on [Amazon](#), [iTunes](#), and [Spotify](#)), given over 25 performances, and premiered over 20 new works, and are poised to double that number over the next year. Named in Baltimore Magazine’s “Best of Baltimore” 2016, SNO has been invited to perform at TEDxMidAtlantic 2017 in Washington, DC in October.

Notes Smith: “We are pleased to have been asked by the Conservancy to perform as part of their summer concert series. Symphony Number One is dedicated to creating couture performances to serve our Baltimore community. Given that we were founded right here in Mount Vernon, we’re particularly excited about offering a free concert to our neighbors.”

The Aug. 23 performance will include an ensemble of 8 performers. 14 pieces will be new compositions that have never been played in public before - some exciting new arrangements of recognizable standbys, and some utterly and completely original! These

pieces feature spoken word poetry by Eubie Blake, a toy piano, dub-step influences, selections from George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Saint-Saëns, a taste of patriotic flair, and a piece inspired by the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy's discovery of the Washington Monument cornerstone.

The Conservancy is pleased to thank the Mount Vernon-Belvedere Association for co-sponsoring this performance, which expands the range of the performances typically offered as part of the summer season, including new work specially composed for the occasion.

At the event, Hotel Revival, scheduled to open this fall on the west end of the West Square, will be providing free locally-sourced snacks, and complimentary light refreshments will be served.

The Conservancy's Summer in the Squares series continues this season until mid-September with additional performances by Otherworld Jazz and Classical Revolution Baltimore as well as a movie screening of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*.

For more information about the Conservancy visit:

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For more information about SNO visit:

Website: <https://symphonynumber.one/>

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For a list of the composers, pieces, and performers visit:

<https://symphonynumber.one/events/2017/8/23/summer-in-the-squares>