



PALM BEACH SYMPHONY'S

The Adventures of Peter and the Wolf

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Performance of *The Adventures of Peter and The Wolf* at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts
with Maestro Gerard Schwarz, Jody Schwarz and Jon Secada

The *Adventures of Peter and The Wolf*, Palm Beach Symphony's reimagining of Prokofiev's *Peter and The Wolf*, will be broadcast on 249 PBS stations around the nation beginning this month.

Recorded in 2022 as part of the *Dale A. McNulty Children's Concert Series*, the concert received its broadcast premiere last December on *South Florida PBS*. Nearly 82% of all PBS households will now be able to view the concert offered for broadcast by **American Public Media** through the Symphony's partnership with *South Florida PBS*.

Maestro Gerard Schwarz, the Symphony's Music Director, leads the Symphony in this new retelling created with his wife, musician and author **Jody Schwarz**. Their modern version, celebrating friendship, makes music the focus of the story and saves the duck from being devoured by the wolf.

Three-time Grammy Award winner **Jon Secada** provides the concert's narration which finds Peter, his grandfather, the bird, the duck, the cat and, of course, the wolf playing instruments and, ultimately, uniting despite their differences. The animals and characters come together for a magical performance of Prokofiev's triumphal march in the town's gazebo that delights the audience and creates lasting friendships.

The Adventures of Peter and the Wolf is the second program in the *Dale A. McNulty Children's Concert Series* broadcast as part of the partnership following *Eudora's Fable: The Shoe Bird*, which was nominated for two regional Emmy Awards.

"Our partnership with *South Florida PBS* has allowed us to expand our commitment to education well beyond our immediate community," said Palm Beach Symphony CEO **David McClymont**. "Jerry and Jody Schwarz's adaptation, along with the infectious narration of Jon Secada, have created a piece that engages children in orchestral music. I am thrilled that more families, perhaps seeing a symphony for the first time together, will be able to enjoy it."

A respected classical musician and conductor, Maestro Schwarz has received nine Emmy Awards, 14 Grammy nominations and eight ASCAP

Awards. His extensive catalogue of more than 350 recordings on 11 labels includes *The Gerard Schwarz Collection*, a 30-CD box set. His memoir, *Behind the Baton*, was released by Amadeus Press in March 2017.

Jody Schwarz received her undergraduate and Master's Degrees in music from The Juilliard School where she participated in the Lincoln Center Institute's Chamber Music in the school's program, performing hundreds of educational chamber concerts throughout New York City. Her work as a musician includes recording David Stock's *A Vanished World* and Herman Berlinski's *Sonata for Flute and Piano*. She received her MFA in writing from Sarah Lawrence College and is currently working on a novel.

One of the first bilingual artists to achieve world-wide crossover success, Secada has received three Grammy Awards, sold 20 million albums and starred on Broadway. In addition to his hits including *Angel*, *I'm Free*, and *Do You Believe In Us*, he has produced and written chart toppers for others including co-writing *Coming Out of the Dark* for Gloria Estefan and writing *She's All I Ever Had* for Ricky Martin.

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