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BELLEVUE PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES MICROSOFT SPONSORSHIP;
SOFTWARE GIANT TO PROVIDE TWO YEARS OF SUPPORT.

The Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) has received a two-year sponsorship from the Microsoft Corporation, beginning with the 2006-2007 concert season. Microsoft will be the “Season Guest Artist Sponsor” for the BPO’s Masterworks@Meydenbauer concert series.

The 2006-2007 Masterworks@Meydenbauer series will consist of six pairs of concerts – Saturday evening and Sunday matinee – beginning September 30. Eight distinguished guest artists will appear with the BPO throughout the season, under the baton of music director Fusao Kajima. Soloists include: Stephen Beus, piano; Sergiu Luca, violin; John Carrington, harp; Norman Krieger, piano; Lee-Chin, violin; Jennifer Check, soprano; Daniel Ebbers, tenor; Victor Benedetti, baritone. Several of these artists will also give public master classes, sponsored by the BPO.

In making this announcement, BPO executive director Lawrence J. Fried said: “We are thrilled to have the Microsoft Corporation as our Season Guest Artist Sponsor. Our Masterworks@Meydenbauer series experienced record-breaking ticket sales this past year. Microsoft’s generosity will enable us to bring some of the most exciting artists in the country to audiences on the Eastside.”

For more information, or to request a free season brochure, call (425) 455-4171 or email: info@bellevuephil.org.

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