



UNH Cultural Excursions To Boston Symphony Orchestra Return Oct. 22

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DURHAM, N.H. –The University of New Hampshire’s Office of Sustainability resumes its popular Cultural Excursions program Oct. 22, 2009, offering bus trips to open rehearsals of the Boston Symphony Orchestra followed by optional visits to Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts or other museums. In addition, the Office of Sustainability will collaborate with the UNH Museum of Art, which will offer a fall and spring Cultural Excursion. Details on these trips will be available soon. Cultural Excursions are open to all.

This year’s excursions include three open rehearsals at the Boston Symphony Orchestra, followed by optional visits to the Museum of Fine Arts or another nearby museum:

- October 22, 2009: James Levine conducts Beethoven, The Complete Symphonies, Part 1, Symphony No. 1, 2, and 5.
- February 11, 2010: James Levine conducts Berg, Three Pieces for the Orchestra, Op. 6; Strauss, Four Last Songs; and Mahler, Symphony No. 4. Renee Fleming, soprano.
- April 8, 2010: James Levine conducts Harbison, Double Concerto for Violin and Cello (world premiere; BSO commission) and Mahler, Symphony No. 7. Mira Wang, violin and Jan Vogler, cello.

The cost of \$48 per person per performance includes one performance ticket and round-trip bus transportation from Durham to Boston. Tickets do not include entrance to art museums. The bus departs from the Community Church of Durham (17 Main Street) at 7 a.m. and returns at approximately 5p.m. Free parking is available at the church and carpooling is encouraged.

The goal of the Cultural Excursions program is to contribute to the UNH community’s opportunity for shared cultural experiences that reflect the highest levels of achievement in the fine and performing arts. The program is part of UNH’s Culture & Sustainability Initiative, the mission of which is to integrate the ethics and policies of cultural development into the university’s identity and practices.

For more information on Cultural Excursions, call Kate Donald at 603-862-1634 or visit sustainableunh.unh.edu/culture_sust/projects.html#CulturalExcursions. For more information on the Museum of Art forthcoming excursions, call Catherine Mazur at 603-862-3713 or visit unh.edu/moa.

UNH has earned many accolades for its sustainability initiatives, including awards and recognition from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Sustainable Endowments Institute, Sierra Club, Princeton Review, and Business NH Magazine.

Highlights of its sustainability commitment include having the largest transit system in the state; installing the first piece of campus public art in 2006; an interdisciplinary, international and experiential EcoGastronomy dual major; and innovative research and engagement efforts like Carbon Solutions New England and the NH Farm to School program. For more information, go to sustainableunh.unh.edu or discoversustainability.org.

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