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Bardavon announces two major additions to the Hudson Valley Philharmonic's 60th anniversary season!

(*Poughkeepsie, NY*) The Bardavon is thrilled to announce two major additions to the Hudson Valley Philharmonic's March 28 concert: *Requiem for a New Morning* at the Bardavon. Under Music Director/Conductor Randall Craig Fleischer the concert features a dramatic musical and visual celebration of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as well as the Mozart Requiem performed with over 100 singers and instrumentalists. The Bardavon has just confirmed that actor and musician Guy Davis will deliver the narration for Joseph Schwantner's composition; *New Morning for the World* w/ the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Guy Davis is the son of famed actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee and a direct link to Martin Luther King, Jr, who was a close friend of his parents and with whom he attended protest marchers as a young man in the 1960s.

In addition *New Morning for the World* will also feature the New York premiere of dramatic film projections created by Peabody Award winning Broadcaster, Producer & Director Elliott Forrest. The visual component premiered in 2019 and marries a fascinating mix of documentary and archival footage, much of it never before seen, along with iconic images, contemporary portraits, and abstract overlays.

Elliott Forrest is a Peabody Award winning broadcaster, director, designer and producer. Elliott is the Co-Creator and Producer of the national tour of AN EVENING WITH ITZHAK PERLMAN and the Co-Director and Projection Designer of the live national tour and PBS TV Special of CONSIDERING MATTHEW SHEPARD from composer Craig Hella Johnson. He's directed several versions of A CHRISTMAS CAROL with such Scrooges as David Hyde Pierce, F. Murray Abraham, Brian Cox, Tony Roberts and Kathleen Turner. He is the afternoon host on New York's Classical Radio Station 105.9FM, WQXR, host of the national radio concerts of *The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center* and has hosted more the 60 concerts on-stage at Carnegie Hall. He regularly produces, directs and designs symphony concerts: LA Philharmonic, The NY Philharmonic, Houston Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony, New Haven Symphony Pasadena Pops and the Little Orchestra Society in venues including the Hollywood Bowl and Lincoln Center. He is the Founding Executive Artistic Director of ArtsRock.org of Rockland County, NY, bringing professional concerts and conversations to the community. Projection Designer for recent Off-Broadway play TECH SUPPORT. Orchestra narrator: Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*, *Peter and the Wolf*, Stravinsky's *Soldier's Tale* and Britten's *Young Person's Guide*. For 12 years he was on A&E Television as host of *Breakfast with the Arts*. He appeared on the original NBC TV show THE GONG SHOW with Chuck Barris. BA in Theater from the University of Texas, Austin. www.ElliottForrest.com

The concert will also feature the Mozart Requiem, K 626 w/Vassar Choir and Cappella Festiva, Artistic Director Christine Howlett

Single tickets to all HVP concerts are \$20 - \$58 based on location.

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