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Ben Folds + yMusic World Tour to Kick Off at Duke Performances

March 2, 2015, Durham, NC — Duke Performances is pleased to announce that North Carolina’s own Ben Folds and Duke Performances Artists-in-Residence yMusic have chosen to kick off their world tour with a concert presented by Duke Performances on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Baldwin Auditorium. Tickets go on sale tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3 at 11 AM at dukeperformances.org, by phone at 919.684.4444, and in person at the Duke University Box Office. There will be no discounts available for this performance, and only a limited quantity of student tickets.

Ben Folds and yMusic will release their first album together this spring, showcasing new pop songs by multi-platinum-selling singer/songwriter/producer Ben Folds recorded and arranged in collaboration with New York indie classical sextet yMusic. Recorded in New York, Los Angeles, and Folds’ own historic RCA Studio A in Nashville, the album is marked by its forward-thinking studio craft and creative spontaneity.

“I don’t recall ever being quite so excited about an album I’m making,” Folds says. “I’ll let you decide if that’s a good thing or not. It’s just that we don’t often get to make a record that we’ve never heard before. The arrangements you will hear on this record are straight up rock – not ornamentation. The odd instrumentation — piano, cello, viola, violin, flute/piccolo/alto flute, trumpet/French horn, and clarinet/bass clarinet, with no bass and more often than not, no drums — is yielding something that I can’t wait to release. It’s a pop record, if that’s what you call what I write.”

In March 2014, Folds premiered Concerto For Piano and Orchestra accompanied by the Nashville Symphony. Since then, he has spent much of his time performing the three-movement concerto and orchestrations of his classic pop hits before sold-out crowds with some of the world’s greatest symphony orchestras. A Nashville resident, Folds owns and operates the historic RCA Studio A. The studio is Folds’ creative hub, where he composes, collaborates, produces, and records his genre-defying work, as well as that of other artists.

After their first concert at Duke Performances, Ben Folds and yMusic will tour across the United States and Europe, with a special appearance at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival in June.

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