



**SONY CLASSICAL RELEASES *JOSHUA BELL – THE CLASSICAL COLLECTION*
14-CD BOX SET FEATURING RECORDINGS FROM THE PAST TWENTY YEARS
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Sony Classical announces the release of *Joshua Bell – The Classical Collection*, a 14-CD set of albums of classical repertoire that the internationally acclaimed, Grammy® Award winning violinist has recorded for the label over the past twenty years. The collection is available worldwide on August 18th, 2017. Displaying the unique breadth, versatility and breathtaking virtuosity, beguiling sensitivity and sheer tonal beauty that has made Bell an icon for audiences of all ages and musical tastes throughout the world, this new collection showcases Joshua Bell in cornerstones of the violin concerto repertoire, chamber music and concert pieces.

The repertoire in this career-spanning edition includes Bell's 2008 recording of the **Vivaldi *Four Seasons*** with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields (for which Bell has served since 2011 as Music Director), the 2014 **Bach** release, also with the ASMF, and two of Joshua's most popular albums ***Romance of the Violin*** and ***Voice of the Violin***, where the violinist regales us with arrangements from **Monteverdi, Mozart, Schubert, Chopin and Bellini to Dvořák, Debussy and Orff.**

Other highlights from the collection include British composer **Nicholas Maw's** Grammy® Award winning ***Violin Concerto***, a work written for Bell in 1993, featuring the London Philharmonic Orchestra with Sir Roger Norrington, conductor; ***The Red Violin Concerto*** based on themes from **John Corigliano's** score to the film *The Red Violin*, with the **Philharmonia Orchestra London** and **Esa-Pekka Salonen** and **Leonard Bernstein's** cherished ***West Side Story Suite***, also performed with the **Philharmonia Orchestra London** and **David Zinman.**

Rounding out this boxed set are Bell's recordings of treasured masterpieces by **Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Gershwin, Ravel,** and **Sibelius** – accompanied by the **Berlin Philharmonic** and **Michael Tilson Thomas**, the **Los Angeles Philharmonic** and Esa-Pekka Salonen, the **Salzburg Camerata** with **Sir Roger Norrington** and Bell's close friends and regular chamber music partners, cellist **Steven Isserlis** and pianist **Jeremy Denk**. Bell is also featured as Music Director in riveting performances of **Beethoven's Fourth** and **Seventh Symphonies** with the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields.

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