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August 3, 2009, Buffalo, N.Y. -- The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in partnership with Ligeti Artists LLC presents the orchestral premiere of "Sweet Baby James: The Music of James Taylor" on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 8:00pm at Kleinhans Music Hall. The concert stars two time Tony nominee Bob Stillman and features guest artist Connie James with orchestral arrangements by Mike Greensill especially created for this Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performance. Tickets (\$59-\$29) are on sale on Friday, August 7 at 9 AM.

A generation of singer/musicians influenced by James Taylor pays tribute to him with their versions of his classic bitter-sweet country rock songs built around love, friendship, loss and life, including "Sweet Baby James," "Sunny Skies," "Steamroller," "Blossom," "Oh, Susannah" and "Fire and Rain." Hailed as "excellent" by the New York Times, "stunning first-rate" by The Village Voice and "awe-inspiring" by Variety, this tribute is a fitting "hats off" to one of the greatest song stylists of the 20th century.

This performance represents the expansion of Ligeti Artists' Cover Story Series into the orchestral realm. The concept of the Cover Stories Series is a celebration of the albums that launched the careers of the major Pop Icons of the US and the British Isles from the late 50's to the present with original vocal and band arrangements with the addition of full symphony orchestra. Other artists in the Cover Stories repertoire include John Denver, Dan Fogelberg, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon, Carol King, Bob Dylan, Peggy Lee and Simon and Garfunkel.