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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

METRO BUS SERVICE TO HOLLYWOOD BOWL RESUMES JUNE 29; DISCOUNTS, LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SHOWS

Metro passengers who take a Metro shuttle bus from the Hollywood/Vine Metro Rail subway station to the Hollywood Bowl when Bowl service resumes June 29, or use park-and-ride buses from East Los Angeles and El Monte, will arrive refreshed and also can purchase discount concert tickets or receive free tickets.

Discounts of 20 percent will be offered to Metro passengers who present a Metro pass, bus transfer or rail ticket at the Hollywood Bowl box office for bench seat sections for any performance listed in a Metro brochure now being circulated on Metro Buses and Metro Rail trains. Copies of the brochure also may be obtained by calling 1-800-COMMUTE or visiting a Metro Customer Center.

The first 40 people who park in the free park/ride lot in East LA and take Metro Bus Line 659 to the Hollywood Bowl or park in the free park/ride lot in El Monte and take Line 656 are eligible to receive free tickets for LA Philharmonic concerts (subject to availability). Roundtrip fare on Line 659 and Line 656 is \$5. The ride takes 30 minutes and departs 1-I/2 hours before showtime.

The park and ride lot in East Los Angeles is located at 1301 Cesar Chavez Avenue, two blocks west of Atlantic Boulevard. The bus departs MORE...

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from Lot 9. The park and ride lot in El Monte is located at the El Monte Bus Station, Santa Anita Avenue and Ramona Boulevard (just off the San Bernardino Freeway). The bus departs 1-I/2 hours before showtime from Lot 6 and arrives at the Hollywood Bowl 30 minutes later.

Patrons can ride the Line 163 shuttle bus directly from the Hollywood/Vine Metro Rail subway station to the Hollywood Bowl for free with proof of a valid round-trip Metro Rail ticket, transfer or Metro pass, or pay the exact fare of \$1.35. Metro discount tokens (90 cents each in bags of 10) are also acceptable.

Transportation on Line 163 to the Hollywood Bowl will begin three hours before each performance at intervals of every 20 minutes. The last shuttle bus will leave the station 30 minutes before showtime. Return trips to the station start 20 minutes after the show and continue until approximately 11:45 p.m.

Returning passengers without a Metro Rail round-trip ticket or Metro pass must pay the base fare of \$1.35 but may purchase a transfer to continue their trip on Metro Rail.

For additional Metro information visit <u>www.mta.net</u> or call 1-800-COMMUTE. For a complete listing of all Hollywood Bowl summer season 2001 performances, visit <u>www.hollywoodbowl.com</u> or call (323) 850-2000.

Park/Ride tickets are available through Ticketmaster at (213) 480-3232 and at all Ticketmaster Outlets (Robinsons/May, Tower Records, Ritmo Latino). Park/Ride tickets also are available at the Hollywood Bowl Box Office.

Metro Bus, Metro Rail and park/ride buses are all wheelchair accessible.

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Metro Customer Centers are located at:

Arco Plaza 515 S. Flower St., Level "C" Los Angeles

Baldwin Hills Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza 3650 W. Martin Luther King Blvd. Suite 101B

Los Angeles

East Los Angeles

4501-B Whittier Blvd. (on Ford north of Whittier East Los Angeles

Gateway Transit Center Union Station East Portal Los Angeles

San Fernando Valley 14435 Sherman Way Van Nuys

Wilshire 5301 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles

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