



BRAZOS VALLEY
Symphony Society

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Brazos Valley Symphony Announces 2008-2009 Season

The Brazos Valley Symphony announces its 27th season. Scheduled events include five classical subscription performances, two free outdoor concerts, educational programs, and the award-winning Derby Day fundraising event.

"We are very excited to announce the Brazos Valley Symphony's 2008-2009 Season", said Symphony Executive Director Larry W. Bird. "Music Director Dr. Marcelo Bussiki has put together a terrific season of all time favorites and rarely performed masterpieces. Classical music has something for everyone to enjoy, and we believe next season's performances will be a source of outstanding artistry and enjoyment for all of Brazos Valley."

The season opens Sunday, October 12, 2008 with the first of five classical subscription concerts as Dr. Bussiki conducts with Brazilian pianist Walter Asvolinsque in "Classical Favorites" at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station. The subscription season closes on Sunday, April 26, 2009 with Maestro Bussiki and violinist Tim Fain performing in a "Mendelssohn Celebration" commemorating the bi-centennial of the composer's birth. Classical subscription concert summary:

What: "Classical Favorites"

When: Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 5:00 PM

Where: Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

Program:

Rossini – *William Tell*: Overture

Mozart – Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major (K. 467), Walter Asvolinsque, piano

Rimsky-Korsakov – Capriccio espagnol Op. 34

Ravel – Bolero

What: "Carmina Burana"

When: Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 5:00 PM

Where: Rudder Auditorium on Texas A&M University Campus

Program:

Bach arr. Stokowski – Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565

Bach arr. Stokowski – Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582

Orff – Carmina Burana, featuring Brazos Valley Chorale, Texas A&M Century Singers, Soprano Susan Groeschel Lovelette, Tenor Chris Hoffman, and Baritone James Kee



What: "Bravo Beethoven!"

When: Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Where: Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

Program:

Beethoven – Consecration of the House

Beethoven – Concerto for Violin, Violoncello and Piano. Op. 56, featuring Brian Lewis, violin; Emilio Colon, violoncello; and James Dick, piano

Beethoven – Symphony No. 3 in E flat "*Eroica*"



What: "American Landscapes"

When: Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Where: Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

Program:

Biondi – by an American, *World Premiere Performance*

Coleridge-Taylor – Symphonic Variation on an African Air

Copland – Old American Songs, featuring the Texas A&M Century Singers

Copland – Appalachian Spring

Bernstein – *On the Town*: Three Dance Episodes



What: "Mendelssohn Celebration"

When: Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Where: Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

Program:

Mendelssohn – The Hebrides Op. 26

Mendelssohn – Violin Concerto Op. 64 in E minor, featuring Tim Fain, violin

Mendelssohn – Symphony N. 4 Op. 90 (Italian)



"From the thrilling power of Orff's Carmina Burana, to the quiet poetry of Copland's Appalachian Spring, we have scheduled a season of masterworks that will showcase our outstanding orchestra and wonderful guest artists," explained Maestro Bussiki. "I know that [patrons] will enjoy the immediacy of the experience of attending concerts in the new sanctuary at Christ United Methodist Church."

Subscriptions are on sale now and a new subscription option is available this season.

Subscribers receive priority seating, and can save 20% off regular ticket prices by purchasing the full season. A new "Pick-A-Pack" subscription option is available, offering priority seating and a choice of concerts—perfect for those persons who cannot attend the entire season but do want great seats.

Patrons can subscribe to season tickets by phone through the Symphony Office (979) 696-6100 through September 26, 2008. Individual tickets go on sale September 28, 2008 and can be purchased in person at the MSC Box Office, located in the Rudder Auditorium lobby, by phone through the MSC Box Office (979) 845-1234, , or on-line at <http://boxoffice.tamu.edu> . Please call the Symphony Office with any further questions.

NON-SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS AND EVENTS

For those who enjoy the open air with their symphonic experience, the Symphony brings two free outdoor concerts to the public. This spring, in conjunction with the Starlight Music Series at the Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, the Brazos Valley Symphony will present its annual Family Concert on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Next summer, the symphony hopes to again lift the hearts of listeners with an inspiring selection of patriotic orchestral music at the "I Love America" celebration at the July 4th event held at the George Bush Presidential Library & Museum.

The Symphony will continue its Symphony Goes to School Series, which encourages

children and to "get up close and personal" with musical instruments, musicians, and Maestro Bussiki himself during private school presentations. These presentations are scheduled throughout the school year for 4th and 5th grade students at area schools on a rotating annual basis.

The Children's Concert aims to inspire, educate, and entertain young people through the performance of live symphonic music, will be performed twice at Rudder Auditorium on Monday, December 8th. These concerts are organized through local public and private schools, with the help of FASO, Friends Association of the Symphony Orchestra, the symphony's official support group.

On May 2, 2009, better known as Derby Day, is dubbed the "most fun, fundraising event in town" and will culminate the season with guest artist Michael Andrew performing. The New York Post listed Michael Andrew and the Rainbow Room Orchestra, calling Andrew ". . . the next Harry Connick, Jr. . . a natural bandleader." His talents will combine with the usual Derby Day activities: viewing of the race on large projection screens, a premier silent and live auction event, a delicious dinner, and hat contest.

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About the Brazos Valley Symphony: The Brazos Valley Symphony is a non-profit performing arts organization with the mission to maintain a symphony of high artistic standards, and to promote the musical arts for cultural and education purposes in the Brazos Valley. For more information about the Symphony's 2008-2009 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Web site at www.bvso.org.

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