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BRAZOS VALLEY SYMPHONY RETURNS TO RUDDER AUDITORIUM FOR CARMINA BURANA

College Station, TX—October 22, 2008—

The Brazos Valley Symphony's twenty-seventh season continues Sunday, November 2, 2008 with the second of five classical subscription concerts as Dr. Marcelo Bussiki conducts the "Carmina Burana" program at Rudder Auditorium. Last season, all symphony performances took place at local churches, as do most concerts this season. Only the Rudder stage can accommodate the large chorus and orchestra required for the concert. Dr. Bussiki states, "It's massive, we're going to have 200 and something singers, an eighty something piece orchestra—how can you not like the amount of sound that is coming out of that stage?"

What: "Carmina Burana"

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

Where: Rudder Auditorium in College Station on Texas A&M campus

Program:

Bach arr. Stokowski – *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565*

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

Orff – *Carmina Burana*

Susan Groeschel Lovelette, soprano

Chris Hoffman, tenor

James Kee, baritone

Brazos Valley Chorale

Texas A & M Century Singers

Jess Wade, Music Director

The Brenham Children's Chorus

Pam Bennett Young, Director

"The reason why it is really loved is primarily because a lot of people know the first chorus," says Bussiki of Orff's piece. The pieces selected for this concert have not been performed in this area since 1997, when Dr. Bussiki and the orchestra last performed them. "Even if the audience doesn't know the work very well . . . what Carl Orff, the composer, does and that is his trademark, is a very intense rhythmic treatment. It's much easier for the audience to absorb something that is heavily focused in rhythm."

Susan Groeschel Lovelette, an accomplished soprano, has relocated to the area due to her husband's work with the City of Bryan. Of special historical note, Ms. Lovelette had the honor of singing from *La Traviata* at the re-dedication of the restored Giuseppe Verdi Monument in Verdi Square in New York City and also performed in concert at the United Nations, according to her biography. Chris Hoffman performed with the symphony last year in *King David*, while James Kee will perform for the first time in this area. The piece includes choral accompaniment from the Brazos Valley Chorale, the Texas A&M Century Singers, and the Brenham Children's Chorus. This program is generously funded in part by generous contributions from the Gilbert & Thyra Plass Arts Foundation and Rose VanArsdel.

Individual tickets for all subscription concerts are on sale now 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.

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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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