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*Symphony Society*

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### BRAZOS VALLEY SYMPHONY'S FUNDRAISER: DERBY DAY 2011

*College Station, TX – April 13, 2011 –*

The Brazos Valley Symphony's award winning annual fundraiser, "Derby Day 2011" will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2011 beginning at 4pm in the College Station Hilton Bluebonnet Ballroom. The event will feature an evening of Kentucky Derby watching, dining, dancing, live and silent auctions, ladies hat parade and music provided by the new Brazos Valley Symphony Dance Band directed by Conductor Marcelo Bussiki with the Greg Tivis Trio and Kelsey Taylor.

**What:** Brazos Valley Symphony's Annual Fundraiser "Derby Day 2011"  
**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 4:00pm  
**Where:** College Station Hilton Bluebonnet Ballroom in College Station, TX  
**Entertainment:** Kentucky Derby Watching  
Dining  
Dancing  
Live and Silent Auctions  
Music by the new Brazos Valley Symphony Dance Band directed by  
Marcelo Bussiki with the Greg Tivis Trio and Kelsey Taylor

This year's Derby Day 2011, co-chaired by Jim Singleton and Stephanie Sale, will feature an evening of excitement watching the Kentucky Derby live on giant screens in the College Station Hilton Bluebonnet Ballroom, sipping mint juleps, admiring the ladies hats, dining, bidding at the live and silent auctions and dancing to music by the new Brazos Valley Symphony Dance Band conducted by Music Director Marcelo Bussiki with the Greg Tivis Trio and Kelsey Taylor.

After cheering on your favorite horse in the "greatest two minutes in sports" the Kentucky Derby, the ladies will promenade around the dance floor showing off their favorite hats. The evenings' dinner will feature authentic Kentucky Derby cuisine with a Texas Twist! The Live and Silent Auction items will be highlighted by outstanding items such as a new 2011 Honda Fit donated by Allen Honda and a David Yurman earring and ring ensemble donated by David Gardner's Jewelers. The evening's

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dancing will feature music by the new Brazos Valley Symphony Dance Band conducted by Music Director Marcelo Bussiki with the Greg Tivis Trio and Kelsey Taylor.

The Live Auction will include a new 2011 Honda Fit donated by Pat Allen Rice, John Allen, and Allen Honda. The car has been named a Best Buy by Consumer's Digest. If you are unable to attend Derby Day you may still bid on the car by calling the Symphony Office at 979-696-6100.

The Live Auction will also feature a fantastic David Yurman earring and ring jewelry ensemble donated by David Gardner's Jewelers.

Also included will be a "Fund A Cause" auction to help fund the first symphony concert of the 2011-2012 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, the person making the high pledge in the "Fund A Cause" auction will win the honor of being a guest conductor at the concert.

All proceeds from the Silent and Live auction go to benefit the Brazos Valley Symphony.

Table sponsorships are available at the \$3000, \$2000, \$1500, and \$1250 level. Individual tickets are on sale for \$125. You may purchase your table sponsorships or tickets in person or by calling the Symphony Office at 979-696-6100. For more information on Derby Day, please call the Symphony Office at 979-696-6100.

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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 2010--2011 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Web site at [www.bvso.org](http://www.bvso.org).*

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