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*Symphony Society*

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### BRAZOS VALLEY SYMPHONY HOSTS TEXAS MEDAL OF ARTS HONOREE

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The Brazos Valley Symphony's twenty-seventh season continues Sunday, February 8, 2009 as Music Director Dr. Marcelo Bussiki conducts "Bravo Beethoven!" at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station. All pieces planned for this performance are composed by Ludwig van Beethoven. The program includes the rarely performed "Triple Concerto", featuring three soloists. Pianist James Dick—a local favorite from Round Top, TX, violinist Brian Lewis, and cellist Emilio Colòn will perform, bringing their reputation with them as accomplished artists, composers, and educators. Just announced, James Dick has been selected as a 2009 recipient of a Texas Medal of Arts Award in the Arts Education category.

"On Thursday January 22, 2009, at the legendary Austin City Limits Studio and in the presence of First Lady Anita Perry, Ray Benson, and Jocelyn Straus, the Texas Cultural Trust announced the 2009 Texas Medal of Arts awardees," said Alain G. Declert, Program Director of The International Festival-Institute at Round Top. "We are proud to report that James Dick will receive the Texas Medal of Arts on Tuesday April 7, 2009 during a star studded show at the Long Center for the Performing Arts in Austin," said Declert.

Every two years, the Texas Cultural Trust Council's award event "spotlights and celebrates the creative excellence, exemplary talents and outstanding contributions by Texans in selected categories, ultimately featuring the best in Texas. The Awards honor citizens who have achieved greatness through their creative talents . . .," according to the website. Some of this year's other honorees include the Austin City Limits program and country artist, Clint Black. In past years, the Texas Medal of Arts has been awarded to the likes of Walter Cronkite, Debbie Allen, Lyle Lovett, Vikki Carr, Willie Nelson, and the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

"The Brazos Valley Symphony is very pleased to have the opportunity to perform with James Dick. It is indeed a privilege and honor to feature this outstanding Texan with our own Brazos Valley Symphony," said Larry W. Bird, Executive Director of the Brazos Valley Symphony. Citizens of the Brazos Valley will have a unique opportunity to see this Texas Medal of Arts honoree in person this weekend. This program is generously funded in part by grants from the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, City of College Station, and Texas Commission on the Arts.

**What:** "Bravo Beethoven!"

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

**Where:** Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

**Program:**

Beethoven – *The Consecration of the House, op. 124*

Beethoven – *Concerto for Violin, Violoncello & Piano, op. 56, C major*

James Dick, piano

Brian Lewis, violin

Emilio Colòn, cello

Beethoven – *Symphony No. 3, op.55, in E flat major "Eroica"*

Also, this concert will honor area teachers and a discount is being offered to public and private school teachers, administrators and staff (by phone and in person only). 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](http://www.bvso.org).*

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