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*Symphony Society*

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### ALL-MENDELSSOHN PROGRAM PLANNED FOR BRAZOS VALLEY SYMPHONY'S FINAL PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON

*College Station, TX—April 14, 2009—*

The Brazos Valley Symphony's twenty-seventh season will come to a close on Sunday, April 26, 2009 with Music Director Dr. Marcelo Bussiki conducting "Mendelssohn Celebration" at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station. All selections programmed for this performance were composed by Felix Mendelssohn. This year marks the composer's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and the concert will pay homage to his musical accomplishments.

Dr. Bussiki said, "[Mendelssohn's] music is centered, his music is traditional . . . Mendelssohn is reminiscent of Mozart and Beethoven—classical." Bussiki continued, "His music is simple for the complexities that were around him during that time."

**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 (Fingal's Cave)*

Mendelssohn – *Concerto for Violin, Op. 64*

Tim Fain, violin

Mendelssohn – *Symphony No. 4 (Italian)*

Tim Fain will appear as a guest artist playing the violin concerto. Fain is an up-and-coming young musician according to a 2006 issue of the League of American Orchestra's *Symphony Magazine*. The violinist appeared last year in this area with the Community Chamber Concert Series. Fain is excited about performing the Mendelssohn concerto. He says he finds the concerto to be a dramatic story-telling piece that he learned at a young age and has played many times.

"Not only is it a really enjoyable piece to listen to, but it's also a whole lot of fun to play. It's a great piece to really—as a musician, as a violinist—you can really sink your teeth into it," said Fain. "To really be able to play it exactly the way you want to play it takes a long time anyway, so I am very thankful to have just been able to get to know it when I was much younger," continued Fain.

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Tim Fain plays on a 18<sup>th</sup> century Italian violin that has been loaned to him through the The Stradivari Society®, a foundation that “is dedicated to the preservation of and pursuit of excellence in classical music by identifying the world's most promising young artists and uniting them with the superb Italian instruments they need to help launch and sustain their professional careers.” Fain is one of a small handful of musicians who has been awarded one of these fine instruments. This is a strong indication of his promise and talent as a musician that area audiences should not miss.

Each year, Dr. Bussiki’s goal is to program a concert season that will endear the citizens to the orchestra and make the organization an integral part of the community “There is no way that an art organization can survive . . . particularly in this country, if it does not have the love of the community,” said Bussiki

With the community in mind, this concert will honor Texas A&M University and Blinn College faculty and staff, and a 1/3 off discount is offered on adult tickets for any employees of these higher learning institutions (by phone and in person only). “Individuals from these two institutions have served and currently serve as musicians, board members/officers, and committee members,” said Symphony Society President Jim Kracht. “Through their contribution of time, talent, and financial resources, individuals associated with Blinn and TAMU have contributed to making the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra a rising star that is widely recognized for its musical quality and its educational outreach into the community,” added Kracht.

Individual tickets for this final subscription concert of the season 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. This program is generously funded in part by a grant from the Arts Council of Brazos Valley and City of College Station.

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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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