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BRAZOS VALLEY SYMPHONY BUILDS TOMORROW'S AUDIENCES WITH CONCERT TO OVER 3500 STUDENTS

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The Brazos Valley Symphony's twenty-seventh season includes a unique experience for 4th and 5th grade students in the Brazos Valley. In two performances to packed Rudder Auditorium audiences, the symphony is instilling the love of live orchestral music in over 3500 area children. On Monday, December 8, 2008, Music Director and Conductor Dr. Marcelo Bussiki and the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra musicians present the annual Children's Concerts.

What: "Great Explorations" Children's Concerts

When: Monday, December 8, 2008 at 9:30AM and 11:00AM

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

Program:

John Williams – *Raiders March*
Russell Peck – *Playing with Style*
Peter I. Tchaikovsky – March from *The Nutcracker*
Joseph Haydn – *Concerto for Violoncello in C Major*
Lindsey Spiegelman, violoncello
Gustav Holst – *The Planets*
Mars: The Bringer of War
Jupiter: The Bringer of Jollity

The symphony has an educational component as part of its mission, the Children's Concerts are just one way the organization seeks to fulfill this goal. Symphony Board President Jim Kracht says, "Children love listening to and participating in music. There are many good reasons why the BVSO wants to encourage this enthusiasm . . . children who are actively involved in music may also do better in reading, learn coordination, goal-setting, concentration, and cooperation, and do better in math and science because music helps build reasoning skills and cognitive development."

Coordinated by FASO (Friends Association of the Symphony Orchestra), this project provides preparation materials for teachers and students, the gala performance, and follow-up.

Children's Concert Co-Chair Jane Van Valkenburg says, "From the time a performance date is

secured through awarding prizes to students for winning wrap-up essays and drawings, FASO members work hard to insure that the youngest concert audience in the Brazos Valley have an experience that can lead to life-long support of symphony orchestras." The extensive educational packet allows teachers to plan lessons about symphonic music and orchestras into their curriculum, fully preparing students for the experience. This education guide is on-line at <http://bvso.org/uploads/files/BVSO%20Dec.%202008%20prep%20packet.pdf>.

This program made possible in part by funding provided through the Arts Council of Brazos Valley and the Arts-Business Consortium, partnering business and the arts in our community. This program is also generously funded in part by generous contributions from Blue Bell Creameries and Target. This annual educational outreach would not be possible without the assistance of our own Symphony Belles, and many dedicated FASO volunteers.

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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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