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### BVSO™ PRESENTS “BACH’S BRANDENBURGS” IN MARCH

*March 7, 2018 College Station, TX*—The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra™ continues its 36<sup>th</sup> season featuring “Tenors and Titans.” Music Director Marcelo Bussiki has planned the 2017-2018 subscription series to include five performances and the fourth concert in the series will feature the best of the Baroque Era with four of Bach’s six Brandenburg Concertos, each featuring incredible soloists. The world celebrates J.S. Bach’s 333<sup>rd</sup> birthday this month as well, so it is fitting to present a concert in Bach’s honor during the month of March. We are proud to have **CHI St. Joseph Health** as the official sponsor of the 2017-2018 Season and The Ham Family Trust as the concert sponsor.

“Bach’s Brandenburgs”, the fourth performance of the subscription season will take place on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 5pm in Rudder Theatre on the Texas A&M University campus and will feature the Brandenburg Concertos, a collection of instrumental works composed by J.S. Bach which are widely regarded as some of the finest orchestral compositions of the Baroque era. These concertos will highlight both the complexity of Bach’s tremendous abilities and the talents of the BVSO’s principal musicians including Concertmaster Javier Chaparro, Penny Zent, Robert Chambers, and Amy Burgus. Bach lovers will certainly enjoy this concert, and it is a great time to experience the virtuosity of these extraordinarily talented orchestra musicians.

“This set of concertos have a special place in the orchestral repertoire and I wanted to perform them with most of our principal players from the orchestra. It is an opportunity to showcase our musicians in solo parts. Except for a guest flutist Adrienne Greenbaum and harpsichordist Matthew Dirst, whose specialties are primarily in Baroque music, all other players in this concert are from the BVSO,” said Bussiki.

Adrienne Greenbaum is a nationally acclaimed klezmer and classical flutist. As a klezmer musician, she is the founder and leader of “FleytMuzik,” an ensemble with flute, violin, cimbalom and bass. Matthew Dirst is Professor of Music at the Moores School of Music, University of Houston and a world-class harpsichordist. He is also notable as the Founder and Artistic Director of Ars Lyrica Houston, a Grammy-nominated ensemble that specializes in Baroque chamber and dramatic works.

**What:** “Bach’s Brandenburgs”

**When:** Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 5:00 PM

**Where:** Rudder Auditorium on Texas A&M University Campus in College Station

**Program:**

<b>Bach</b>	Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, BWV 1047, F major
<b>Bach</b>	Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, BWV 1048, G major
<b>Bach</b>	Brandenburg Concerto No. 4, BWV 1049, G major

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<b>Bach</b>	Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, BWV 1050, D major
<b>Concert Sponsor</b>	The Ham Family Trust
<b>Guests Artists</b>	Amy Burgus, oboe Robert Chambers, trumpet Javier Chaparro, violin Matthew Dirst, harpsichord Adrienne Greenbaum, flute Penny Zent, flute

The BVSO's theme for this year is 'Tenors and Titans' due to the key elements of the season featuring composers considered to be the titans of classical music, as well as phenomenal guest artists. According to Symphony Executive Director, Mary Koeninger, "The stars of the show will be our talented orchestra musicians highlighted as soloists, as well as these beloved Bach compositions."

Koeninger continued, "This concert is one that the Maestro has wanted to do for a long time and we are so pleased to be able to bring it to life for the community now. This Baroque concert is sure to please Bach lovers and classical music lovers alike."

Patrons can also continue to enjoy free pre-concert talks one hour prior to each subscription performance in the Rudder Theatre Complex. Ann Thompson will again present her delightful and witty insights into the composers, the history, and meaning behind the music. Then after the concert, a patron social hour at Napa Flats will keep the enjoyment going to top off an exquisite evening of music and entertainment. The Maestro and guest artists will attend as well!

Individual tickets to all concerts are also on sale now at the MSC Box Office, \$39/adult and \$13/student advance; \$44/adult and \$16/student at the door. Call (979) 845-1234 or go on-line to <http://boxoffice.tamu.edu>. All programs are subject to change.

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*About the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra™: The BVSO™ 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 2017-2018 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra™ Web site at [www.bvso.org](http://www.bvso.org).*

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