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ALL GERSHWIN PROGRAM FOR BVSO SEASON FINALE!

March 10, 2016 College Station, TX—The season finale of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra's unforgettable 34th season will be Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 5pm in Rudder Theatre. This concert, sponsored by **Population and Survey Analysts**, will feature some of the greatest works from one of the quintessential American composers, George Gershwin. Guest artist, pianist Alexandre Dossin will perform the Gershwin classic, *Rhapsody in Blue* with the BVSO. The concert will close featuring our outstanding orchestra performing *An American in Paris*.

Maestro Marcelo Bussiki described this concert simply as, "A whole lot of good Gershwin!" The orchestra will be large and the stage will be full of the professional musicians of the BVSO. "It's a big orchestra, this is the biggest one of the season. It calls for everything," added Bussiki.

What: "Non-Stop Gershwin"

When: Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 5:00 PM

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

Program:

Gershwin <i>arr. Brubaker</i>	Crazy for You, Selections
Gershwin <i>arr. Bennett</i>	Porgy and Bess—A Symphonic Picture
Gershwin	Rhapsody in Blue
Gershwin	An American in Paris
Guest Artist	Alexandre Dossin, piano
Concert Sponsor	Population and Survey Analysts



Guest Artist Alexandre Dossin, is an accomplished Brazilian pianist who has actually performed in the area before to much acclaim. It was suggested by one of our patrons that he be brought back to make an unforgettable impression on audiences again.

"I enjoy performing this work both in its solo version, and in the piano and orchestra version. The richness of melodic material, the rhythmic power, the amazing sheer fun of being on stage performing this work, all of these make *Rhapsody in Blue* a special work in my repertoire," said Dossin. In order to prepare for the performance, Dossin explained, "The main challenge is how to achieve a nice balance between the 'jazzy' elements, while still keeping my 'classical' approach. As a classically trained pianist, I don't perform jazz professionally (I really enjoy listening to it, and occasionally do some improvisation on my own, for fun). In my opinion, the

best performances of *Rhapsody* are those which find the perfect balance between styles, and don't go overboard one way or another."

Audiences will find Gershwin's music to be accessible and enjoyable. "Gershwin's compositions will be one of the highlights of the 2015-2016 Season. Audiences love his signature sound and will find it all familiar and fun—this will indeed be a popular concert and we encourage everyone to get their tickets early," shared Executive Director Mary Koeninger. "Plus, we will also announce for the very first time, the program line-up for the upcoming 2016-2017 Season! So, it's just another reason why you won't want to miss this concert," continued Koeninger.

BVSO patrons can attend the free pre-concert talk at 4pm just prior to the performance in the Rudder Theatre Complex. Ann Thompson, a popular lecturer who has also presented with the Houston Grand Opera, will again present her delightful and witty insights into the composers, the history, and meaning behind the music. Get there early to ensure you have a seat at these extremely popular sessions! Then after each subscription concert, a patron social hour at Napa Flats will keep the enjoyment going to top off an exquisite evening of culture and entertainment. The Maestro and guest artists are scheduled to attend these socials as well.

Individual tickets to all concerts are 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 boxoffice.tamu.edu. Please call the Symphony Office (979) 696-6100 with any further questions.

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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 2015-2016 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra website at www.bvso.org.

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