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GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH THE BVSO HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

November 24, 2015 College Station, TX—The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra is pleased to invite the public to celebrate the rich and joyous sounds of the season with its seventh annual holiday themed concert. Led by Music Director Marcelo Bussiki, the “Holiday Pops Concert” will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at the Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) in College Station. The Symphony’s Brass musicians will be joined by: James Faith on organ, the Christ United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir and The Canticle Bells, and the College Station High School Varsity Women’s Choir. All these talented ensembles will grace the stage both individually and collectively with a lovely and varied selection of holiday music and seasonal favorites.

This program, generously sponsored in part by **Sterling Auto Group**, **Spirit of Texas Bank**, and **System Computing**, showcases an elegant arrangement of pieces from purely instrumental music and delightful choral arrangements, to bell choir works and more. The music selections are varied from spiritual to religious to popular Christmas carols, including multi-culturally inspired music. The evening’s production will conclude with sing-along favorites including holiday classics like *Silent Night* and George Frideric Handel’s famous *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Executive Director, Mary Koeninger said, “I look forward to this very special concert each year. It warms my heart to see so many families come together at the Holiday Pops Concert. When you see everyone singing and having such a great time as all these wonderful groups perform, you can’t help but be filled with the holiday spirit.”

What: “Holiday Pops Concert”

When: Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 5:00 PM

Where: Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

Program Samples: Ding! Dong! Merrily on High
Ose Shalom
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Joy to the World
Twelve or So Days of Christmas
Hallelujah Chorus for Sing Along

Symphony Brass Musicians

James Faith, organ

The Sanctuary Choir & The Canticle Bells of CUMC

Don McAvoy, Minister of Music & Worship

College Station High School Varsity Women’s Choir

Kearby Etheredge, Director

The “Holiday Pops Concert” is separate from the regular Symphony subscription season and is being presented for those looking for a joyous holiday outing with family and friends. The Symphony strives to provide its community members with memorable musical experiences, and this annual event is just one of the ways it reaches out to make that vision become a reality.

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The evening will end on a harmonious note with a complimentary cookie and beverage reception in the church foyer hosted by the **Friends Association of the Symphony Orchestra**. All concert attendees are invited to attend.

“It’s an opportunity for people to have a good time, and enjoy holiday music with the ones they love. It’s a really good opportunity to see the symphony musicians perform music that everybody likes and all can enjoy,” said Music Director Marcelo Bussiki. “This program is meant to directly touch the heart . . . a direct message from the stage to your heart,” he said.

Individual advance tickets (\$25/ adult, \$10/ child) for this special concert are on sale now and can be purchased in person at the MSC Box Office, located in the Rudder Auditorium lobby, by phone at (979) 845-1234, or online at <http://boxoffice.tamu.edu>. Tickets will also be on sale at the door the night of the concert (\$30/ adult, \$10/ child). Please call the Brazos Valley Symphony Office at (979) 696-6100 with any further questions or visit our website.

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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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