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### GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH THE BVSO HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

*November 2, 2016 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 eighth annual holiday themed concert. Led by Music Director Marcelo Bussiki, the “Holiday Pops Concert” will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at the Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) in College Station. The Symphony’s Brass and Percussion musicians will be joined by: James Faith on organ, the Christ United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir and The Canticle Ringers, 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 **Systek 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 *O Come All Ye Faithful* and George Frideric Handel’s famous *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Executive Director, Mary Koeninger said, “This is one of the concerts I look forward to the most each year. It is an honor to collaborate with the outstanding musicians of the CUMC Sanctuary Choir and Canticle Ringers, organist James Faith and the CSHS Women’s Choir.”

“In addition, the completely filled house, the wonderful musicians, the music we all grew up with, and the beautiful sanctuary of Christ United Methodist Church combine to create a lovely and meaningful start to this very special Holiday season,” added Koeninger.

**What:** “Holiday Pops Concert”

**When:** Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 5:00 PM

**Where:** Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

**Program Samples:** Silent Night, Holy Night

*S’vivo*n

Jingle Bells

Christmas Trilogy

Little Town of Bethlehem

Hallelujah Chorus for Sing Along

*BVSO Brass & Percussion*

*James Faith, organ*

*The Sanctuary Choir of CUMC*

*Don McAvoy, Minister of Music & Worship*

*The Canticle Ringers of CUMC*

*Chris Caffee, Music Director*

*College Station High School Varsity Women’s Choir*

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The "Holiday Pops Concert" is separate from the regular Symphony subscription season and is being presented for those looking for a festive 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. 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.

"I think of this as the premiere holiday community event, and that people want to hear a great performance of their all time favorites," said Music Director Marcelo Bussiki. "I want our audience to expect that, and plan for it, and have a good time, so that they can come again each year," 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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