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GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH THE BVSO HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT

November 21, 2017 College Station, TX—The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra is pleased to celebrate the rich and joyous sounds of the season with the community for the ninth annual holiday themed concert. Led by Music Director Marcelo Bussiki, the “Holiday Pops Concert” will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 10, 2017, 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 fun 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 run the gamut 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*.

“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,” said Executive Director, Mary Koeninger. “We are so excited to be a part of this wonderful holiday celebration. What a wonderful way to start off this holiday than beautiful music featuring all the familiar tunes such as *Jingle Bells*, *Sleigh Ride*, *Silent Night* and much more,” added Koeninger.

What: “Holiday Pops Concert”

When: Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Where: Christ United Methodist Church in College Station

Program Samples: O Holy Night
Hanukkah Medley
Jingle Bells
Joy to the World
Sleigh Ride
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
Kearby Etheredge, Director

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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 see this program as an opportunity to have a good time with the audience, since they are so familiar with the music," said Music Director Marcelo Bussiki. "A good performance is all encompassing, the audience is part of the performance. The musicians and the conductor can *feel* the audience and there is a magical something that happens in quality live performances that is irreplaceable. Some performances are more conducive to reach this state of 'communion' than others and there is no more conducive music for that experience than holiday songs," Bussiki added.

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 2017-2018 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra website at www.bvso.org.

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