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BVSO'S SEASON OF UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS KICKS OFF OCT. 25TH

October 15, 2015 College Station, TX—

The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra is preparing for a 34th season of “Unforgettable Moments.” Music Director Marcelo Bussiki has planned the 2015-2016 subscription series to include five classical performances and will begin with a highly anticipated performance featuring Cliburn finalist Fei-Fei Dong performing with the BVSO to start the year off in fantastic style. We are proud to announce **St. Joseph Health System** as the official sponsor of the 2015-2016 Season.

The opening concert will take place on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 5pm in Rudder Theatre on the Texas A&M University campus. The first performance of the season, “Fei-Fei Plays Rachmaninoff” will feature Beethoven’s light-hearted and playful Symphony No. 8 and Rachmaninoff’s fiery Piano Concerto No. 3. The BVSO is proud to feature Chinese pianist Fei-Fei Dong, who has been charming audiences throughout the country and the world with her “passion, piquancy and tenderness” as well as her “winning stage presence” (*Dallas Morning News*). Dong was one of the featured artists in the 2015 documentary *Virtuosity*, chronicling the journey of gifted young pianists in their quest to make a name for themselves at the illustrious 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Maestro Bussiki said, “I think that people really need to come see this tremendous pianist.”

“I had the opportunity to attend the Van Cliburn competition, and saw one of her performances. Although she did not win the Gold Medal, she was one of the most exciting pianists of the entire competition . . . I personally found her performance to be extremely exciting . . . and there was so much fire and so much power to it,” Bussiki continued.

What: “Fei-Fei Plays Rachmaninoff”

When: Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 5:00 PM

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

Program:

Beethoven	Symphony No. 8, Op. 93, F Major
Rachmaninoff	Piano Concerto No. 3, Op. 30, D Minor

Guest Artist	Fei-Fei Dong, piano
Concert Sponsor	Fund-a-Concert Donors from Derby Day 2015

Executive Director Mary Koeninger invites everyone in the community to come see our professional orchestra, “Every year, it seems that the quality of the BVSO’s live performances sets a new standard in musical excellence. This season will truly be filled with unforgettable moments, the first of which will be seeing Fei-Fei perform with us.”

Patrons can also enjoy a free, pre-concert lecture prior to the performance beginning at 4pm in the Rudder Theatre Complex. Audiences have enjoyed these informative and fun talks

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presented by the witty and entertaining Ann Thompson. After the concert, the evening continues with a patron social hour at Napa Flats, which includes complimentary appetizers and an appearance from Maestro Bussiki and Fei-Fei.

Individual tickets to all concerts are on sale now at the MSC Box Office. Call (979) 845-1234 or go on-line to boxoffice.tamu.edu. Individual concert advance pricing is \$39/adult and \$13/student, and at-door pricing is \$44/adult and \$16/student. While tickets will be on sale at the door the evening of the concert, patrons are encouraged to purchase in advance to ensure that seats will be available, in addition to saving on ticket prices.

Patrons can still purchase season tickets securely on-line at www.bvso.org or by phone through the Symphony Office at (979) 696-6100. A full season adult ticket is \$170 and the full season student ticket is \$60, a \$10 processing fee is added to each order. Parking for the concert will be free at the University Center Parking Garage across from the Rudder Theatre Complex. Please call the Symphony Office 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 Web site at www.bvso.org.

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