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### BVSO FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT AND FIREWORKS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

*College Station, TX—June 19, 2018—*

The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra invites area residents and visitors from far and near to celebrate Independence Day in style with a patriotic concert in conjunction with the College Station Noon Lions Club's annual "I Love America" Celebration Event. With the orchestra led by Music Director, Marcelo Bussiki, what better location for this concert to take place on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 than at the one and only iconic George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. The program will include patriotic standards like Sousa's heart-stirring marches and the iconic *1812 Overture*. The concert will conclude with a dazzling fireworks display overhead.

**What:** Free Outdoor Patriotic Symphony Concert *presented by H-E-B, Wells Fargo, and Union Pacific*

**When:** Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 8:35 PM

**Where:** George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

**Sample of Musical Selections:** American Salute  
*1812 Overture*  
Silverado  
Battle Hymn of the Republic  
National Emblem March  
Stars and Stripes Forever  
*and much more!*

There are only fourteen Presidential Libraries in existence in the United States, and one of them is right here in Bryan/College Station. "Attending a July 4<sup>th</sup> concert at a Presidential Library is as exciting as you can get on Independence Day," said BVS Executive Director, Mary Koeninger. "We are so fortunate in this community to have the Bush Library. There is no better place to hear a patriotic performance and watch fireworks than at our BVS concert at such a quintessentially American location. This type of concert is what makes our community stand out as one rich in its arts offerings, and desirable for outside visitors to come and experience our unique culture," continued Koeninger.

Past attendees have shared about how much they love the orchestra and what talented musicians we have playing for our community, commenting that this is the only time that people can get right up close to the orchestra. Some even arrive at the event site early to stake out their position for the concert and fireworks. The proximity to the music and the musicians with the picturesque library in the background proves to be an enjoyable experience adding to the good feelings a concert like this can stir. This free concert is a perfect time for young children to see and hear symphony music in a fun and casual setting where the kids are welcome to march around, sing along, and dance.

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The College Station Noon Lions Club's "I Love America" Celebration begins at 9:30 am with free admission to the George H. W. Bush Library and Museum. At 5:30 pm Concessions will open and a Kids' Zone will be available from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for families along with other live entertainment and activities and free parking is available at Fan Field, the gravel parking lot on Research Parkway on the Texas A&M University campus. Handicapped parking is available in Lot 41 in front of the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum entrance. Come early and bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and blankets. Please, no pets or glass containers.

Visit <https://www.bush41.org/events> for all the details on the full day of activities. The symphony concert will begin near dark at around 8:35 pm. Please call the Symphony Office at (979) 696-6100 with any further questions or visit our website at [www.bvso.org](http://www.bvso.org).

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*About the BVSO: The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra 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 educational purposes in the Brazos Valley. For more information about the Symphony's 2018-2019 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Web site at [www.bvso.org](http://www.bvso.org).*

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