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### A “WICKED” GOOD SEASON FINALE FOR THE BVSO

January 13, 2017 College Station, TX— The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra’s “Positively WICKED” 2016-2017 Season, sponsored by **CHI St. Joseph Health**, is conjuring up a show stopping season finale and individual tickets are now on sale and going fast for the April performance. Music Director Marcelo Bussiki promises fun for everyone at this upcoming concert.

The subscription season closes in positively wicked style with “A Little Bit WICKED” on April 30, 2017 at 5pm in Rudder Auditorium as Bussiki and the BVSO present a decidedly pops performance. Featuring the bewitching **Wicked Divas**, who played Elphaba and Glinda in the Broadway production of the Tony Award®-winning musical *Wicked*. This smash hit musical has been running for 14 years straight on Broadway and has been dubbed, “A cultural phenomenon,” by *Variety* and, “Broadway’s biggest blockbuster,” by the *New York Times*. These two talented vocalists will sing break out hits from the wildly popular production as well as many other Broadway favorites.

“It was a conscious decision that we really needed one program that was completely ‘pops’ to give diversity to the season,” explained Bussiki. “I think it’s going to be lots of fun with selections from Broadway shows such as *Chicago*, *Phantom*, and *Wicked*. It will be great, and something to bring in an even broader audience.”

**What:** “A Little Bit WICKED”

**When:** Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 5 PM

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

**Program Selections Include:**

**Kander** Introduction and All That Jazz from *Chicago*  
**Webber** Think Of Me from *Phantom of the Opera*  
**Horner & Jennings** My Heart Will Go On from *Titanic*  
**Schwartz** Popular, Defying Gravity, and For Good from *WICKED*  
*Any many more Broadway hits!*

**Guest Artists** **Wicked Divas**  
Alli Mauzey  
Dee Roscioli

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According to her bio, Alli Mauzey last appeared on Broadway as Glinda in the 10th Anniversary company of *Wicked*, a role she also performed to critical acclaim on the First National Tour and the San Francisco company. Other Broadway credits include Brenda in *Hairspray*, and Lenora in the musical *Cry-Baby*, for which she won a Theatre World Award

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and was nominated for a Drama League Award. Alli has also performed many concerts with symphony orchestras across the country including playing Ellie in *Show Boat* with the New York Philharmonic and the title role in *Cinderella* alongside the Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

Dee Roscioli will be Alli's partner for this Wicked Divas presentation. Dee's bio states she is best known for her portrayal of Elphaba in Broadway's hit *Wicked*. She has performed this role on Broadway, in Chicago, and across the US and holds the distinction of having performed Elphaba in more performances than any other actress. Additional NY credits include *The 24-Hour Musicals*, *Murder Ballad* (Workshop, Manhattan Theatre Club), *Therapy Rocks* (NYMF). She has also performed Grizabella in the National Tour of *Cats*.

"The *Wicked* musical is one of my personal favorites," said BVSO Executive Director, Mary Koeninger, "and I can't wait to hear the Wicked Divas sing these iconic songs. I have listened to recordings of both of these fabulous singers and I was blown away with their portrayals in *Wicked*. I am certain they will do great justice to all the Broadway hits they will perform with us—and I'm positive it's going to be wicked-good."

Individual tickets to all concerts are on sale now at the MSC Box Office, regular prices are \$39/adult and \$13/student advance; \$44/adult and \$16/student at the door. Call (979) 845-1234 or go on-line to <http://boxoffice.tamu.edu>. Please visit <http://bvso.org> for more information or call the Symphony Office (979) 696-6100 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 2016-2017 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra Web site at [www.bvso.org](http://www.bvso.org).*

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