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### **BVSO™ BRINGING MUSICAL GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

*November 8, 2018 College Station, TX*—The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra is pleased to celebrate the festive sounds of the season with the community for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual holiday themed concert. The “Holiday Pops Concert” tradition will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 9, 2018, 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, College Station High School Varsity Women’s Choir, and the Brenham Children’s Chorus. 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 concert plays to huge crowds and continues to instill audiences with more and more holiday spirit each year.

This program, generously sponsored in part by **Sterling Auto Group** 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 holiday music. The evening’s production will conclude with a wonderful selection of sing-along holiday favorites.

**What:** “Holiday Pops Concert”

**When:** Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 5:00 PM

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

**Program Samples:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Sing We Now of Christmas  
Joyful and Triumphant

*BVSO Brass & Percussion*

Dr. Tim Rhea, Guest Conductor

*James Faith, organ*

*The Sanctuary Choir and Canticle Ringers of CUMC*

James Faith, Music Director

*College Station High School Varsity Women’s Choir*

Kearby Etheredge, Director

*Brenham Children’s Chorus*

Jill Stewart, Director

“It is a treat to collaborate with the outstanding musicians of the CUMC Sanctuary Choir and Canticle Ringers, organist James Faith and the CSHS Women’s Choir each year and we are so pleased with the addition of the Brenham Children’s Chorus this year,” said Executive Director, Mary Koeninger. “We are excited to start off this holiday in a wonderful way with beautiful music featuring all the familiar tunes such as *Away in a Manger*, *White Christmas*, *Joy to the World* and much more,” added Koeninger.

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. Come for the concert and stay for the cookies! The evening will end on a harmonious note with the highly anticipated 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.

“We are very pleased to announce as well that we will have a very special guest conductor for the concert this year,” said Koeninger. “Dr. Tim Rhea, Director of Bands and Music Activities at Texas A&M University will be directing the BVSO Brass and Percussion musicians. He is one of the most highly honored conductors in the United States and we are thrilled to have him be a part of this wonderful Brazos Valley holiday tradition,” Koeninger 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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