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BVSO BRINGING BACK AUDIENCE FAVORITE PIANIST, FEI-FEI

October 17, 2018 College Station, TX—After last week's stunning season opener, The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra™ continues the 37th season with the greatly anticipated return of Cliburn Finalist, Fei-Fei. The 2018-2019 subscription series includes live symphonic performances featuring both traditional and modern composers, exclusive guest artists, and the world-class BVSO™ musicians. Music Director Marcelo Bussiki and your professional orchestra bring a collection of exciting programs and the next concert in the "New Heights" season will hail the return of pianist Fei-Fei, this time performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. We are proud to once again partner with **CHI St. Joseph Health** as the official sponsor for the 2018-2019 Season.

Fei-Fei Returns by popular demand! Cliburn finalist and audience sweetheart, [Fei-Fei](#), has been invited again to the BVSO performance hall with another presentation of pure virtuosity with Rachmaninoff's passionate Piano Concerto No. 2. In her last appearance with the BVSO in October 2015, she played Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 to standing ovations. Maestro Marcelo Bussiki and the orchestra will add to the evening with Beethoven's captivating Symphony No. 7. The famous *Allegretto*, the second movement, is very popular and often performed as a stand-alone work. Beethoven's Seventh has been described as, "true ambition, beauty, breathlessness, and energy in musical form." The composer himself even called it "one of the happiest products of my poor talents." This classical performance is set for Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 5pm in Rudder Theatre on the Texas A&M University campus.

"It's a delight working with Fei-Fei. She brings a high level of musicianship and depth at the same time, as well as connection with everybody in the performance," said Music Director Marcelo Bussiki. "She is very good when performing with an ensemble . . . it's not about the piano, it's about the overall musical result with her . . . so, in a performance with Fei-Fei, everyone becomes 'one', the performers and the audience are captivated."

The following is a summary of the concert details.

What: "Fei-Fei Returns"

When: Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 5:00 PM

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

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Program:

Beethoven Symphony No. 7, Op. 92, A major
Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 18, C minor

Guest Artist Fei-Fei, piano

Concert Sponsor **Rose P. VanArsdel**



BVSO™ patrons can also enjoy free pre-concert talks one hour prior to each subscription performance in the Rudder Theatre Complex. Ann Thompson will again present her delightful and witty insights into the composers, the history, and meaning behind the music. Then after this subscription concert, a patron social hour with the Maestro at Napa Flats will keep the enjoyment going to top off an exquisite evening of music and entertainment.

“Our theme for this year is ‘New Heights’ due to our season featuring guest artists that are truly taking the BVSO™ to new levels of live performance,” according to Koeninger. “We are thrilled that Fei-Fei will be gracing the BVSO stage again. It is guaranteed to be another ovation earner with her passion, personality, and pure talent shining through every note. Purchase your tickets early—with limited seating in Rudder Theatre, we will no doubt have a packed house.”

Individual tickets to all concerts are available through the MSC Box Office. Call (979) 845-1234 or go on-line to either bvso.org or boxoffice.tamu.edu. Single advance tickets for **Fei-Fei Returns** are \$45 for adults/\$16 for college students and younger. At-door prices are slightly higher and we encourage patrons to purchase in advance. All programs are subject to change. Please contact the Symphony Office at 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 2018-2019 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra Web site at www.bvso.org.

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