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BVSO REACHING TO “NEW HEIGHTS” IN 2018-2019 SEASON

August 21, 2018 College Station, TX—The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra™ presents its schedule for the upcoming 37th season. The 2018-2019 subscription series includes five symphonic performances and will feature both traditional and modern composers, exclusive guest artists, and the world-class BVSO™ musicians. Music Director Marcelo Bussiki and your professional orchestra will bring a collection of exciting programs and there is certainly something for all to enjoy in the BVSO’s upcoming season of “New Heights”. We are proud to once again partner with **CHI St. Joseph Health** as the official sponsor for the 2018-2019 Season.

The 2018-2019 “New Heights” season promises to deliver on the Maestro’s goals for an outstanding lineup with a spirited opening concert set for Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 5pm in Rudder Auditorium on the Texas A&M University campus. The first performance of the season, **Canadian Brass**, will feature the “world’s most famous brass group” appearing with the BVSO™ in a varied music program with classical to modern works. Credited with bringing brass music to the masses, Canadian Brass has performed around the globe for nearly 50 years, garnering Grammy® and Juno Awards along the way. They have appeared on *The Tonight Show*, *Entertainment Tonight*, and multiple PBS Specials. They have performed with the *Boston Pops*, topped the Billboard charts, and recorded over 130 albums. Most importantly, Canadian Brass is known for their engaging, fun, and interactive stage presence which makes them great entertainers in addition to their “second-to-none” brass musicianship.

“Their stage personality will make this performance very special,” said Music Director Marcelo Bussiki. “I attended a concert of theirs some years back and have seen the level of engagement and creativity of the group . . . they are pioneers of their craft.”

The subscription season closes in high style with **An Evening with Leslie Odom, Jr.** on April 28, 2019 at 5pm in Rudder Auditorium as Bussiki and the BVSO™ present another outstanding pops concert to close the season after last year’s stunning performance with The Texas Tenors. Special guest Leslie Odom, Jr. took Broadway by storm when he originated the role of Aaron Burr in the blockbuster musical *Hamilton* and won the 2016 Tony Award for Best Leading Actor in a Musical. His impressive career has spanned television, film and theatre. After making his Broadway debut at 17 in *Rent*, the acclaimed star of stage and screen has gone on to be featured in television’s *Smash*, *The Good Wife*, and

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Grey's Anatomy and most recently he played the role of Dr. Arbuthnot in Kenneth Branagh's 2017 film adaptation of *Murder on The Orient Express*. In 2018, he even sang "America the Beautiful" on the NBC Broadcast of Super Bowl LII. Now, he joins the BVSO™ for what is sure to be the pinnacle of the "New Heights" season.

"This Tony® Award winning *Hamilton* star has been selling out auditoriums around the country! I have heard nothing but amazing things about Odom—he is everywhere right now from screen to stage, and national commercials to the Super Bowl!" said Executive Director Mary Koeninger. "Purchase tickets early for the very best seats and for an unforgettable season finale. Season tickets are on sale now and single tickets go on sale September 4th, just after Labor Day."

The following is a summary of the entire subscription series.

What: "Canadian Brass"

When: Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 5:00 PM

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

Program Selections:

Bach	Chaconne for Orchestra BWV 1004
Bach	Little Fugue
Tyzik	New York Cityscapes
Bizet	Carmen Suite (abridged)
	<i>and more Canadian Brass surprises!</i>

Guest Artists Canadian Brass

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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

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



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What: "From Classics to Jazz"

When: Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 5:00 PM

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

Program:

Zenamon Caribbean Suite
Clearfield Various Compositions

Guest Artists Rob Clearfield, piano
Caroline Davis, alto sax
Jay Sawyer, drums
Sam Weber, bass

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What: "Mozart for March"

When: Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 5 PM

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

Program:

McNair Meditation on Mercy
Mozart Oboe Concerto, K. 314, C major
Mozart Requiem, K. 626, D minor

Guest Artists *Brazos Valley Chorale*
Rebecca Fairweather-Haskins, oboe
Soo Yeon Kim, soprano
Jennifer Lane, contralto
Randall Umstead, tenor
Hector Vasquez, baritone

Concert Sponsor The Ham Family Trust



What: "An Evening with Leslie Odom, Jr."

When: Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 5 PM

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

Program: **A collection of Broadway, jazz, and popular standards**

Guest Artist Tony® Award-winning performer, **Leslie Odom, Jr.**



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 the first four subscription

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concerts, 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.

The orchestra is additionally pleased to present the 10th Annual Holiday Pops Concert, which is designed to offer patrons a way to start their holiday season with great, festive music at the premiere holiday concert of the community. The Canticle Ringers and Sanctuary Choir of Christ United Methodist Church, organist James Faith, the CSHS Varsity Women's Choir, and Brenham Children's Chorus will join BVSO™ musicians for a beautiful as well as fun, holiday themed concert on December 9th. This concert plays to large crowds and continues to instill audiences with more and more holiday spirit each year.

The Holiday Pops Concert is an add-on to the season and not included in the price of season tickets. Advance tickets for this concert are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children. This concert is sponsored by Sterling Auto Group and System Computing.

"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. "Each and every concert has exciting elements that audiences will love: from the fun of Canadian Brass and Fei-Fei's contagious spirit, to cool Chicago jazz and Mozart's monumental works, then top it off with a stunning season finale featuring Leslie Odom, Jr! Purchase your season tickets now—you get the best price, as well as the best seats."

Patrons can purchase season tickets securely on-line at www.bvso.org or by phone through the Symphony Office (979) 696-6100. A full season adult ticket is \$230 and the full season student ticket is \$105, a \$5 to \$10 processing fee is added to each order. Individual tickets to all concerts go on sale September 4th at the MSC Box Office. Call (979) 845-1234 or go on-line to boxoffice.tamu.edu. All programs are subject to change. Please contact 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 2018-2019 Season, please visit the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra Web site at www.bvso.org.

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