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### BVSO TO HOST WORLD FAMOUS CANADIAN BRASS FOR SEASON OPENER

October 3, 2018 College Station, TX—The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra™ is getting ready to launch the upcoming 37<sup>th</sup> season this month with a highly anticipated season opener. 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 likes of the *New York Philharmonic*, 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 musical program has evolved to now include three compositions from The Beatles, as well as an orchestral World Premiere of Tyzik's *New York Cityscapes*, which has been arranged for orchestra to present just for this concert! The Maestro and Guest Artists often collaborate on the concert repertoire to create an artistic collection of works that make each symphonic concert one-of-a-kind.

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**The following is a summary of the concert details.**

**What:** “Canadian Brass”

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

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

**Updated Program:**

<b>Bach</b>	Chaconne for Orchestra BWV 1004
<b>Bach</b>	Little Fugue in G Minor
<b>Tyzik</b>	New York Cityscapes, Mvt. 3,2,5 – <i>Orchestral World Premiere</i>
<b>Handy</b>	Beale Street Blues
<b>Lennon/McCartney</b>	Penny Lane, Blackbird, and Come Together
<b>Bizet</b>	Carmen Suite (abridged)
<b>Guest Artists</b>	Canadian Brass
<b>Concert Sponsor</b>	The Clearfield Family



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. Immediately following the October concert, patrons are cordially invited to attend a very special reception in the Exhibition Hall of the Rudder Complex. This post-concert reception will celebrate the new season and both the Canadian Brass and the Consul General of Canada will be in attendance. Hors d’Oeuvres and a cash bar will be available and all concert goers are invited to attend.

“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 delighted that the incredibly talented members of the Canadian Brass will join us in making our season opener both unforgettable and fun. It is even more meaningful due to the Consul General of Canada coming to our reception—this will indeed be a season that breaks the mold. Purchase your tickets early—we have both season tickets and single tickets on sale now.”

Patrons can purchase season tickets securely on-line at [www.bvso.org](http://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 are available through the MSC Box Office. Call (979) 845-1234 or go on-line to [boxoffice.tamu.edu](http://boxoffice.tamu.edu). Single advance tickets for Canadian Brass 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 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](http://www.bvso.org).*

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