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SINGLE TICKETS RELEASED FOR TONY-WINNER LESLIE ODOM, JR.

January 10, 2019 College Station, TX—Some people make resolutions to experience more once-in-a-lifetime moments in the new year and here's the first opportunity. Now that the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra™ season of "New Heights" is well underway, the BVSO™ has released all individually available tickets for the highly anticipated "Evening with Leslie Odom, Jr." season finale concert.

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.

The BVSO's 37th 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 *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.

Here's what reviewers are saying about Leslie Odom, Jr.:

"While 'Hamilton' is certain to give Odom an audience wherever he goes, his talent as a singer and song interpreter—and the fact that he is a genuine likeable guy—justify the adoration. The star of stage and TV and film has said in interviews that singing is his first love. And that seemed obvious with the emotion—not overplayed—and intensity and seriousness with which he approached his songs."

-The Morning Call, Nov. 2017 performance

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"Ultimately, you didn't need to know a thing about 'Hamilton' to be transfixed . . ."

-Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Jan. 2018 performance

"The "Hamilton" star's jazz crooning, delightful storytelling and cool charisma were on full display Friday night for a sold-out show to launch the Lied Center for Performing Arts' 29th season."

-Lincoln Journal Star, Oct. 2018 performance

"The centerpiece was definitely Odom's mellifluous, buttery-smooth voice. Its clear, appealing timbre combined with Odom's astute, flexible musicianship made listening to the well-chosen repertoire a joy. . ."

-ARTSATL, Dec. 2018 performance

"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 Kennedy Center!" said Executive Director Mary Koeninger. "Purchase tickets as soon as you possibly can for the very best seats and for an unforgettable season finale!"

This concert will have assigned seating and symphony patrons can personally select their seats via the MSC Box Office website at boxoffice.tamu.edu or by calling 979-845-1234. Various price points are available for this performance ranging from \$35 to \$80.

"Leslie Odom, Jr. is not performing this season in Houston or Austin, but he IS performing in Bryan/College Station with the BVSO. These prices are phenomenal for this caliber of performance in Texas, concert goers can easily come in from out of town to attend this performance and return home that evening or stay overnight in one of our beautiful hotels," according to Koeninger.

Patrons can purchase tickets securely on-line at www.bvso.org or by phone through the MSC Box Office. Call (979) 845-1234 or go on-line directly 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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