

News Release

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SALINA SYMPHONY 2008-2009 SEASON – WHERE WILL MUSIC TAKE YOU?

The Salina Symphony announces an exciting season that will take the audience on a musical journey across the globe. The season opens on October 12 with an escape to the romantic ***Heart of Europe*** with the music of Brahms, Sibelius and Berlioz: *Academic Festival Overture, Finlandia* and *Harold in Italy* featuring the Symphony's own Dr. David Lowe on viola.

Lowe, principal violist of the Salina Symphony since 1993, has performed professionally with the St. Louis Symphony and the United States Air Force. He was professor of strings at Bethany College from 1970-1996 and currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Travel home for the ***Family Holiday Concert*** on December 14, featuring the Holiday Chorus and Peggy Simms dancers as well as a visit from Santa himself. The ever-popular concert will feature beloved Christmas classics sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

Prepare to be transported to the Big Apple on February 8 with ***Best of Broadway***, featuring musical scenes of love and passion from *West Side Story, Phantom of the Opera, Carmen* and *Cats*. The concert will feature guest artists Stefano and Nina Tanchietti, the magical American tenor and soprano duo known for their glorious operatic voices.

Discover the New World on March 29 with Dvorak's popular *New World Symphony* followed by the world premier of a composition by Dr. Timothy Mahr. Mahr, principal conductor of the Twin Cities/Minnesota Symphonic Winds and a professor of music at St. Olaf College, will also be featured as composer-in-residence as part of the Symphony's "Creativity in Music"

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project, funded in part by the Salina Arts and Humanities Horizons program. Mahr is nationally known for his work as a guest conductor/clinician and is a prolific composer, having created more than 50 works, five of which have been performed at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall.

Take an adventurous trek to the summit when the Pikes Peak Bell Ringers join the Symphony on May 3 for ***From the Mountains***, a season finale of grand proportions. Known for their unique style of visual and musical presentation, the Pikes Peak Bell Ringers combine astonishing virtuosity, visuals and sound. The concert will feature a joint performance of the Ring of Fire concerto – sure to be a crowd pleaser.

In addition to the five regular season concerts, the Salina Symphony will again partner with Kansas Wesleyan University to present a fully-staged production of Gilbert and Sullivan's comedic opera, ***Pirates of Penzance***, November 13 & 14.

Your journey around the globe would not be complete without celebrating the talented and growing Salina Youth Symphony orchestras. Two concerts highlighting the talent of more than 140 young musicians will be held November 16 and April 5.

Season tickets are on sale now through September 1st and can be ordered by mail, phone or in person. Please call the Symphony office at 823-8309 or visit www.salinasymphony.org for more information.

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