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SYMPHONY AND GUEST VOCALISTS TO TREAT AUDIENCE TO ROMANTIC FAVORITES FROM BROADWAY

The Salina Symphony will bring Broadway's most romantic scenes to life on the Stiefel stage on Sunday, February 8, at 4:00 p.m.

The afternoon will begin with the Symphony's performance of "Symphonic Dances" from *West Side Story*. For the second half of the concert, the Symphony will be joined by Stefano and Nina Tanchietti, the magical American dramatic tenor and soprano duo based out of New York. Together, they will perform musical scenes of love and passion from *Carmen* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

The Tanchietti's have been blessed with many talents which, when combined together, offer a powerful and unforgettable experience. Having toured throughout the United States, Europe and South Africa, the couple has built extensive repertoires in opera and musical comedy. They both possess glorious operatic voices and audiences have marveled at the special chemistry they share onstage.

Nina's talent as a singer, actor and dancer will be highlighted during the *Carmen* set. The opera is known to be a challenge to singing actresses as they must not only have a great range, but also exhibit superior dramatic skills in order to portray Carmen's complex character, and be able to dance convincingly on stage.

Phantom will highlight Stefano's skills as a dramatic tenor and will include audience favorites such as "Music of the Night," "Think of Me" and "All I Ask of You." The afternoon will end with "Memory" from *Cats*.

The Symphony and the Tanchietti's will also perform a free outreach concert for area fourth graders on Friday, February 6, at 9:00 a.m. The young audience will be treated to music from *West Side Story*, musical scenes from *Phantom* and a contemporary encore number familiar to most grade school students. Transportation to the Stiefel Theatre will be provided at no charge to the Salina Public Schools through a grant from the Greater Salina Community Foundation's Fund for Greater Salina.

Tickets to the February 8 performance may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, 151 S. Santa Fe, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, by calling 827-1998 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. The box office will open at noon on concert day. Single admission is \$19 for adults and \$12 for students. For more information, please visit www.salinasymphony.org.

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