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SALINA SYMPHONY SEASON FINALE TO FEATURE MUSIC FROM “PHANTOM OF THE OPERA” & “PIRATES OF PENZANCE”

April 13, 2011, SALINA, KAN.— The Salina Symphony season finale will trace the history of musical theatre through the centuries on Sunday, May 1, at 4 p.m. at the Stiefel Theater.

Vocalists Teri Johnson and Patrick Greene will perform love songs from *Phantom of the Opera* and *Pirates of Penzance* as well as selections from Mozart’s *The Magic Flute* and *Impresario*. The Symphony will also perform Bernstein’s famous *Overture to Candide* and the wildly popular *Danzon No. 2*, a contemporary piece written by Mexican composer Arturo Márquez.

Johnson has performed roles in opera and musical theatre throughout the United States with companies such as Nashville Opera, Opera Memphis, Chattanooga Opera, Light Opera Oklahoma, Como Opera (Miss.), South Carolina Opera, Opera South (Ala.), Opera Fest of New Hampshire and Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia. Currently teaching voice at Temple College in Temple, Texas, she has also performed as an artist-in-residence with Cincinnati Opera, Opera Memphis and The Smithsonian Institute.

Greene performs regularly with the Wichita Grand Opera, where he has portrayed Count Almaviva in *Barber of Seville*, Ralph Rackstraw in *HMS Pinafore* and Frederic in *Pirates of Penzance*, and served as chorusmaster for *Faust*, *La Bohème* and *A Masked Ball*. Last month, he sang with Sam Ramey, Joyce Di Donato and Alan Held at the Wichita Grand Opera Gala.

Greene made his European debut as Rodolfo in *La Bohème* at the Heidelberg Opera, where he also starred as Count Almaviva in *The Barber of Seville*, and later sang Alfredo in *La Traviata* at Staatstheater Cottbus and the title role of Leonard Bernstein's *Candide* at the Bellingham Music Festival. He made his New York debut at Carnegie Hall in Mozart's *Requiem* with John Rutter conducting, and his America opera debut as Alfred in *Die Fledermaus* with Sarasota Opera.

Both Salina natives, Johnson is the daughter of Harold and Ernestine Morrison, and Greene is the son of Geraldine and the late James Greene.

Concert tickets are \$22 for adults/\$12 for students and may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

The Salina Symphony is a community orchestra dedicated to enriching lives through artistic music performance and education. For more information, contact Adrienne Allen at (785) 823-8309 or visit www.salinasymphony.org.

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