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Salina Symphony Concert to Feature Rebecca Copley and Tatiana Tessman Jan. 31 at the Stiefel Theatre

JANUARY 11, 2016, SALINA, KAN.— The Salina Symphony will usher the new year in with “Expressive Virtuosity” Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. at the Stiefel Theatre. Two international virtuosos will return to the Stiefel stage for this thrilling concert. Tatiana Tessman will perform Liszt’s *Piano Concerto No. 2* and Rebecca Copley will perform selections from Puccini’s *Tosca* and *Turandot*. The Symphony will also perform *Pines of Rome*, a symphonic poem by Respighi.

A Russian-born pianist, Tessman’s career is studded with accomplishments and awards that firmly distinguish her as an artist of international stature. She has performed as soloist with orchestras across three continents, including the World Symphony in Cincinnati, Shreveport Symphony, Bach’s Festival Orchestra, Manhattan School of Music Philharmonia, Uruguay Philharmonic Symphony, Panama Philharmonic Symphony, Korea W. Philharmonic, and the Russian Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Currently residing in Salina, Tessman serves as director of keyboard studies at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Singing the most demanding repertoire for soprano, Copley has triumphed in opera and symphonic works throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia and South Africa. Her critically acclaimed professional debut was as Desdemona opposite James McCracken in Verdi’s *Otello* with the New Jersey State Opera. Soon after, she debuted in Verdi’s *Requiem* with the Paris Opera, at New York City Opera as Puccini’s *Turandot*, Carnegie Hall with New Jersey

Symphony as Wagner's *Isolde*, and the Metropolitan Opera as Amelia in Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera*. Copley currently serves as director of vocal studies at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Tickets on Sale Now

Concert tickets may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Single admission is \$25 or \$35 and \$15 for students. Children ages 5 and older are welcome. All admissions require purchase of a ticket.

Pre-Performance Talk

Join Copley and Tessman for a pre-performance conversation about the music they will be performing. The presentation, sponsored by the Osher Institute, will be held Fri., Jan. 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the Stiefel Theatre Watson Room, and will be followed by a wine/cheese reception.

The \$40 fee includes Friday pre-performance and a ticket to the Symphony concert. Symphony ticket holders may attend the pre-performance event for free, but must register in advance at www.osher.ku.edu.

The Salina Symphony is a regional orchestra dedicated to enriching lives through artistic music performance and education. Conducted by Maestro Ken Hakoda, the Symphony is one of the premiere musical ensembles of North Central Kansas. For more information, contact Adrienne Allen at (785) 823-8309 or visit salinasymphony.org.

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