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Salina Symphony to Present “Passage” Nov. 5 at the Stiefel Theatre

OCTOBER 10, 2023, SALINA, KAN.— Embark on an emotionally rich musical journey with the Salina Symphony Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. at the Stiefel Theatre.

The Symphony will open the Passage-themed concert with Barber’s thoughtful *Adagio for Strings*. The orchestra will then be joined by flutist Daniel Velasco for a performance of Michael Daugherty’s virtuosic and heart-wrenching *Trail of Tears*, a strikingly beautiful work that demonstrates how the human spirit deals with upheaval and adversity.

Following intermission, the orchestra will present Penderecki’s intensely romantic and lush Second Symphony, “Christmas.” The concert will end with Bach’s beloved *Sheep May Safely Graze*.

Guest Artist

Daniel Velasco is an award-winning flutist whose “standout” and “vibrant” performances (*Miami Herald*) have taken him around the world. He has been a soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra of Ecuador, among many others. He has also been featured as a guest performer across the United States. Orchestral festivals include the Latin American Orchestra and Chautauqua Music Festival, as well as tours through Chile and Central America with the Orchestra of the Americas. Velasco is currently the flute professor at the University of Kansas.

Featured Composer

Michael Daugherty is one of the most frequently commissioned, programmed, and recorded composers on the American concert music scene today, hailed by *The Times* (UK) as “a master icon maker” with a “maverick imagination, fearless structural sense and meticulous ear.”

Daugherty first came to international attention when the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performed his *Metropolis Symphony* at Carnegie Hall in 1994. Since that time, his music has entered the orchestral, band and chamber music repertoire and made him, according to the League of American Orchestras, one of the ten most performed living American composers.

Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets start at \$35 and may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at www.salinasymphony.org.

Season tickets may be ordered by phone at 785-823-8309 or in person at the Symphony Office, located on the second floor of the Stiefel Theatre.

Pre-Concert Talk

Join us for a pre-concert talk with Maestro Segal and Daugherty at 3 p.m. in the Stiefel Theatre Watson Room. Please enter through the main theatre doors. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

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

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