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Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and Fort Worth Youth Orchestra Announce Side-by-Side Performance

February 26, 2017 | Bass Performance Hall | Miguel Harth-Bedoya, conductor

FORT WORTH, TX — January 11, 2017 — The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and Fort Worth Youth Orchestra are pleased to present a side-by-side concert event on Sunday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Bass Performance Hall. This concert will feature the Youth Orchestra, joined by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Maestro Miguel Harth-Bedoya, playing the majestic Saint-Saëns Symphony No. 3, the “Organ Symphony.” Texas Christian University’s Professor of Music and University Organist Dr. H. Joseph Butler will be the soloist.

Also performing is the FWYO’s Philharmonic under the baton of Nick Nixon. The Philharmonic will play works by Holeovsky and Tchaikovsky and will accompany the winner of the Philharmonic’s Concerto Competition, Sally Hatfield, a sophomore horn player attending Southlake Carroll High School, who will perform Mozart’s Horn Concerto No. 3 in E-flat Major.

The side-by-side concert is a meaningful opportunity for young musicians to play repertoire next to their professional mentors in the world-renowned Bass Performance Hall. Through this partnership, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and Fort Worth Youth Orchestra are inspiring the next generation of professional musicians and future patrons of the arts.

This concert will take place **Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Bass Performance Hall**. Tickets range from \$20 to \$30 (with student tickets available for \$5) and can be purchased online at www.fwsymphony.org or by calling (817) 665-6000.

About H. Joseph Butler

H. Joseph Butler is Professor of Music and University Organist at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, where he also serves as Associate Dean of the College of Fine Arts.

He holds a DMA and Performer's Certificate in organ from the Eastman School of Music, an MM in organ from the New England Conservatory, and a BA magna cum laude in music from Bowdoin College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Butler has performed widely in the United States and England, including conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Historical Keyboard Society, and the cathedrals of Canterbury, Liverpool, Leeds, Ripon, and Chester. He has also performed recitals at Hong Kong Baptist University, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the Shanghai Oriental Arts Centre, and the Shenyang Conservatory Concert Hall.

A member of the American Guild of Organists for over forty years, Butler was winner of the New England Regional AGO Competition in 1975 and performed as a finalist in the National Organ Playing Competition in Boston the following year. He holds the Associate (AAGO) Certificate.

Dr. Butler is represented by Windwerk Artists.

About Sally Hatfield

Sally Hatfield is a sophomore honor student at Southlake Carroll High School and a second-year member of the Carroll Wind Symphony under the direction of Mr. Jay S. Bach. While participating in the Carroll band programs, Hatfield has earned several All City, All Region, and All Area Band and Orchestra awards. Previously, she performed for two years with the Lone Star Youth Orchestra of Irving, Texas, and placed second in their concerto contest. She performed as a soloist with LSYO at their spring concert in 2016. Hatfield and her friends volunteer their time and talents to perform at Southlake Town Square during Christmas Holidays as the Just Brass Band. In the last three years, they have earned over \$4,000 in charitable donations for Parkinson's disease research, breast cancer survivor support services, and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

About the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

Since 1912, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra has educated, entertained and enhanced the cultural life of Cowtown. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra performs a broad range of symphonic and pops concerts from August through May. In addition to its own concert series, the Orchestra also collaborates with the Texas Ballet Theater, Fort Worth Opera, Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Southwestern Seminary Master Chorale, and the Children's Education Program of Bass Performance Hall. Concerts In The Garden, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's summer music festival, was launched in 1990 and takes place each June - July at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. For more information about Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, visit www.fwsymphony.org.

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About the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra

The Fort Worth Youth Orchestra has provided music education through orchestral programs and performance opportunities of the highest caliber since 1965. But, FWYO is more than exceptional performances; it is music education, music outreach and special events. Each year, the organization serves over 500 talented Fort Worth-area musicians ages birth - 18 through four core orchestras and supplemental programs that include chamber music ensembles and an all-level Suzuki Strings Program which includes an Early Childhood Music program. FWYO musicians experience superb orchestral and chamber music instruction from Fort Worth's most respected professional musicians, perform in world-class concert halls and gain the self-confidence and discipline necessary for a successful future. With over 2,500 alumni, the organization's impact can be felt throughout the region in both musical and non-musical fields. Fort Worth Youth Orchestra is proud to be celebrating 52 years of Inspired Musical Excellence.

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