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Columbia Orchestra presents "Symphonic Pops"

The Columbia Orchestra will present "Symphonic Pops" on Saturday, February 16, at 7:30 P.M. at the Jim Rouse Theatre at Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, in Columbia, Maryland. From Broadway hits of Sondheim, Rodgers, and Hammerstein to blockbuster film scores, there is something for everyone!

Music Director Jason Love has programmed some of Broadway's biggest hits by three legends of the Great White Way: Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, and Stephen Sondheim. "The Magic of Rodgers & Hammerstein" will include "Shall We Dance" from *The King and I*, "Some Enchanted Evening" from *South Pacific*, "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" from *The Sound of Music*, "You'll Never Walk Alone" from *Carousel*, and "People Will Say We're in Love" from *Oklahoma!* Stephen Sondheim selections include "A Little Priest" from *Sweeney Todd*, "Being Alive" from *Company*, "Send in the Clowns" from *A Little Night Music*, and "Children Will Listen" from *Into the Woods*.

Love has selected superb soloists to recreate the Broadway favorites. **Soprano Theresa Bickham**, who received her Master of Music degree from the **University of Houston**, made her European concert debut in 2007 singing *La Traviata* under the direction of Maestro Eduardo Müller. No stranger to musical theatre, she has also performed the roles of the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, Tess in *Crazy for You*, Nancy in *Oliver*, and Mrs. Macafee in *Bye, Bye Birdie*. As Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*, **tenor Stephen Paul Cramer** has appeared on Broadway and on national and international tours. He has been nominated for six Helen Hayes Awards, winning for "Best Actor in a Musical" in 1994. He has sung for five presidents and appeared on NBC's *Today Show*.

Music from the big screen will be featured in the film scores of Hollywood blockbusters *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Spiderman*, *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and *Psycho*. Music Director Love will hand over the baton to **David Zajic**, principal violist with the Columbia Orchestra and Music Director of the Howard County Ballet, as cellist Love performs music from *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

Also on the program is the local premiere of Maryland composer **Mark Lortz's Deus Ex Machina**. Lortz's work was a finalist in the **Columbia Orchestra's 2007 American Composer Competition**, which attracted 131 applicants from throughout the United States.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. and continuing through intermission, there will be a **Silent Auction** in the Rouse Mini-Theatre. Audience members are invited to bid on antiques, sports collectibles, entertainment packages, and fine dining to benefit the Columbia Orchestra.

Tickets are available online at www.columbiaorchestra.org or may be purchased at the Music & Arts Center at the Chatham Station Shopping Center, the Music & Arts Center in Laurel, or the Columbia Association on Wincopin Circle. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, although credit cards cannot be processed the day of the concert. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors over 60, and \$10 for full-time students. For further information or directions, call **(410) 465-8777** or visit the orchestra's website.

Publicity photos and additional biographical information are available on request.

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