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Chamber Concert and Holiday Spectacular

Two concerts to usher you from autumn to the holidays

Auburn, WA: The annual *Holiday Spectacular* is on Monday, December 4 at 7:30 PM in the Auburn Performing Arts Center. Tickets and information can be found at <u>auburnsymphony.org</u> or by calling the box office at 253-887-7777. Ticket pricing is \$40 (\$32 seniors, \$12 students/families).

This year the *Holiday Spectacular* will truly be a spectacular holiday festival. Before the concert, audience members will get to visit with live reindeer from Rainier Reindeer Ranch, sip on hot cocoa, and take photos with Santa, while listening to a performance by Groove Amendment, a group of music educators from the Puget Sound region who perform jazz standards, covers, and original compositions.

When the concert begins, the crowd will be treated to a screening of the Oscar-nominated film, *The Snowman!* while the orchestra, joined by Drew Simon, boy soprano, performs the soundtrack live with the film. Dianne Jackson's animated film with original score by Howard Blake brings to life Raymond Briggs' magical story of James and his snowman as they embark on a wondrous journey one winter's night. The concert doesn't end there, the program continues with seasonal favorites including *Miracle on 34th Street, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*, and the traditional audience sing-along! It's the perfect way to kick start your holiday season.

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Auburn, WA: Auburn Symphony's first chamber concert of the season is on Thursday, **November 16 at 7:00 PM at St. Matthew / San Mateo Episcopal Church**. Tickets pricing is \$25 general, \$10 students.

The November chamber concert is a lyrical program evocative of poetry, folk music, and a walk through the forest in springtime, also in turns dynamic, majestic, and powerful. The music is perfectly suited to this mix of instruments and musicians - an imagery-rich, multi-faceted energy will make this a wonderful evening.

Program:

Arnold Cooke - *Nocturnes, Five Songs for soprano, horn and piano* (1956) Erwin Schulhoff - *Duo for Violin and Cello* (1925) Johannes Brahms - *Horn Trio in E-flat Major* (1865)

Musicians: Maria Mannisto, voice; Rodger Burnett, horn; Jin-Shil Yi, piano; Petro Krysa, violin; Brian Wharton, cello

Chamber concerts are a good way to dip into instrumental music toward the end of your week. It's less formal and allows the audience to see and hear the ensemble up close since there are fewer musicians and they perform in a smaller space. This is an excellent opportunity to watch closely how the instruments are played and see the dynamics of a small group in performance.

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