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### **BRAHMS, BRAHMS AND (MORE) BRAHMS! WITH NORTH STATE SYMPHONY**

CHICO, CA, January 16, 2019 – On January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, North State Symphony presents its smallest and most intimate performances of the season with its traditional Winter chamber music concerts, which this year will explore some of the lesser-known but most remarkable works of Johannes Brahms. NSS concertmaster Terrie Baune on violin will be joined by NSS principals Carol Jacobson on cello and Dan Nebel on horn, with special guest pianist John Chernoff.

The ensemble will perform Brahms' Horn Trio in E Flat major, one of his most personal compositions, written in 1865 shortly after the death of his beloved mother. A chamber work in four movements, it contains many veiled references to his youth and family life, and features natural (as opposed to valved) horn – an instrumentation choice Brahms returned to repeatedly in his compositions. The Horn Trio will be followed by the Piano Trio No. 3 in C minor, a mature work of impassioned intensity, composed in 1886 and written partly as an overture of renewed friendship to his estranged companion Joseph Joachim. Finally, the Piano Quartet in A major will conclude the program. At its premier in 1863, the composer himself performed on piano, and the quartet is a reflection of Brahms in his most genial and expansive mood, a warm and romantic piece with a rollicking quasi-Hungarian finale.

“Brahms is so deservedly well-known for his symphonies, but he spent years composing chamber and smaller orchestral works before diving into the symphonic art form,” says Terrie Baune, North State Symphony Concertmaster. “It will be a real treat for us to share these jewels with our chamber music aficionados”.

Performances are Saturday, January 28th at 7:30pm at the Paul and Yasuko Zingg Recital Hall, New Arts & Humanities Building, CSU Chico (tickets at the University Box Office or at [chicostatetickets.com](http://chicostatetickets.com)); and Sunday, January 29th at 2:00pm at Old City Hall in Redding, CA (tickets at the Cascade Theatre Box Office or [cascadetheatre.org](http://cascadetheatre.org)).

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John Chernoff, Carol Jacobson, and Terrie Baune