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### **NORTH STATE SYMPHONY BEGINS 2018-19 SEASON WITH MUSICAL EMBRACE FOR CARR FIRE FIRST RESPONDERS AND VICTIMS**

CHICO/REDDING, CA, August 20, 2018 – North State Symphony’s first concerts of its 2018-19 season will take place on September 29th in Chico and September 30th in Redding, with a unique program line-up and free tickets for Carr Fire first responders and those that suffered losses.

“American Made” will explore the sounds of two iconic American composers, Bernstein and Copland, who formed the music of the 20th century, gathering influence from jazz and the old west. Special guest artist and genre-defying Project Trio will perform Scatter, by Adam Schoenberg, and other lighter and fun favorites. The *Wall Street Journal* has hailed Project Trio for their “wide appeal, subversive humor and first-rate playing.”

Leonard Bernstein’s *On the Town – Three Dance Episodes*, will be a toe-tapping experience, along with a non-American interloper to the program, Brahms’ *Hungarian Dance No. 5*. And Aaron Copland’s *Appalachian Spring Suite* will evoke much-needed images of lush green landscapes, renewal and regrowth.

Combining the virtuosity of world-class artists with the energy of rock stars, Project Trio is breaking down traditional ideas of classical music. The genre-defying ensemble is acclaimed by the press as “packed with musicianship, joy and surprise” and “exciting a new generation of listeners about the joys of classical and jazz music.” The *New York Times* has called trio member and beat boxing flutist Greg Pattillo “the best in the world at what he does.” The Trio has a hugely popular YouTube channel and is one of the most watched instrumental ensembles on the internet.

In deep appreciation of the efforts of Carr Fire first responders, and heartfelt sympathy for those who have suffered losses, NSS will be offering these groups of people free tickets to our Redding September concert. Contact the Cascade Theatre Box Office for assistance.

“We’re incredibly thankful for the safety of our North State Symphony family during the Carr Fire, for the tremendous work of first responders and volunteers, and are saddened by the losses that have affected so many. We’re proud to be a part of the Redding community and are committed to helping the North State in the healing process”, says Elizabeth Quivey, NSS Executive Director. “We hope our first concerts of the season are a chance to enjoy some good music and experience its cathartic power.”

Performances are Saturday, September 29th at 7:30pm at Laxson Auditorium in Chico, CA (tickets at the University Box Office or at [chicostatetickets.com](http://chicostatetickets.com)) and Sunday, September 30th at 2pm at the Cascade Theatre in Redding, CA (tickets at the Cascade Theatre Box Office or [cascadetheatre.org](http://cascadetheatre.org)).

A mini Season Ticket package for the remaining 3 concerts of our MasterWorks series will be available for sales at the box office during intermission, and by phone or mail following the concert.

Generous community support for North State Symphony is provided by Season Sponsor Dignity Health. In Redding, Scott Seaton's appearance is sponsored by Rose Crain and Vern McHaney. A free pre-concert talk presented by Maestro Seaton and our guest artists begins one hour before the performances. The pre-concert talk in Chico is sponsored by Richard and Pat Macias and in Redding by Redding Record Searchlight.

North State Symphony is a regional orchestra serving Chico, Redding, Red Bluff and surrounding communities for almost 20 years. For more information, visit [www.northstatesymphony.org](http://www.northstatesymphony.org).