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NORTH STATE SYMPHONY CELEBRATES MOZART'S INFLUENCE

CHICO/REDDING, CA, October 10, 2018 – On November 10th in Redding and November 11th in Chico, North State Symphony pays tribute with a special concert inspired by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a classical music child prodigy and celebrity from the 1700's whose art continues to influence audiences and other composers to this day.

The program culminates with Mozart's 40th and most iconic symphony. Preceding that perennial tour-de-force, special guest artist Timothy Chooi will perform the thrilling sounds of the powerful Violin Concerto in D Major by Tchaikovsky, who once called Mozart "the greatest of all composers". Mr. Chooi, described as "the miracle" by Montreal's *La Presse*, is regarded as one of Canada's most exciting young artists. Additional inspiration for the concert will be provided as the MTAC-Butte Youth Orchestra and the Shasta College Chamber Strings join NSS for a performance of the Coriolan Overture by Beethoven, another famous composer who was heavily influenced by Mozart.

"It's really fitting that in this concert celebrating the legacy of a young genius, NSS will be joined on-stage with some of the most talented young strings players from youth orchestras in Chico and Redding," says Scott Seaton, NSS Conductor and Music Director. "These kids have been a joy and inspiration to work with as they prepare to play with the NSS. I'm also really excited about having Timothy Chooi here in the North State. Despite his impressive resume, he's practically still a kid himself. The energy for this concert is going to be really amazing."

Performances are Saturday, November 10th at 7:30pm at the Cascade Theatre in Redding, CA (tickets at the Cascade Theatre Box Office or cascadetheatre.org) and Sunday, November 11th at 2pm at Laxon Auditorium in Chico, CA (tickets at the University Box Office or at chicostatetickets.com). Single Tickets range from \$18 to \$55 with discounts available for students and seniors.

Generous community support for North State Symphony is provided by Season Sponsor Dignity Health. In Redding, the concert is sponsored by Sally Wells; Timothy Chooi's appearance is sponsored by Maria and Red Emmerson; and Scott Seaton's appearance is sponsored by Rose Crain and Vern McHaney. A free pre-concert talk presented by Maestro Seaton begins one hour before the performances. The pre-concert talk in Chico is sponsored by Pat and Richard 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.