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NORTH STATE SYMPHONY CELEBRATES THE MONTH OF MAY AND MOTHER'S DAY

CHICO, CA, April 8, 2019 – North State Symphony concludes its 2018-19 season on Mother's Day weekend with "Pathos and Hope," an emotionally charged Masterworks concert with performances on Saturday, May 11th in Redding and Sunday, May 12th in Chico. Earlier in the month, a special event gives family members of all ages the chance to "Conduct NSS" by taking up the baton to lead an NSS mini-orchestra on May 2nd at City Plaza in Chico and on May 9th at California Street Labs in Redding.

Pathos and Hope is a fitting program to end a concert season marked by big challenges for our communities in the face of major disasters that have changed lives forever. NSS is proud to support families and first responders affected by these tragedies with free concert tickets. The concert showcases Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E minor, his final symphony and most intense, emotionally charged and beautiful work. Beginning the program is Samuel Barber's unforgettable and heart-wrenching Adagio for Strings, music that is able to convey hope and courage in the face of tragedy. The gold medalist at the 67th Wideman International Piano Competition, Yi-Nuo Wang, will be featured in Grieg's passionate Piano Concerto in A minor.

"Conduct NSS" is a lighthearted contrast where community members can try their hand at conducting an orchestra, under the expert coaching and guidance of NSS Maestro Scott Seaton.

"What a season it has been," says Scott Seaton, NSS Conductor and Music Director. "We've all been touched and inspired by the challenges and resilience of the Redding and Paradise communities in the face of unimaginable losses, and hope that our music, in some small measure, has helped provide relief, solace and inspiration. The pieces in this concert have a lot of personal meaning to me, and I can't think of a better way to spend Mother's Day weekend than by honoring our communities, my own mom, and mothers everywhere with this amazing music. I also can't wait to show the joy of conducting with our "Conduct NSS" events – we challenge all of you to come out and show us you have "the right stuff" to be a Maestro!"

"Conduct NSS" is at City Plaza at 6:00pm on May 2nd, sponsored by Keep Chico Creative; and at California Street Labs, 1313 California Street, at 6:00pm May 9th, sponsored by The McConnell Foundation.

"Pathos and Hope" Masterworks performances are Saturday, May 11th at 7:30pm at the Cascade Theatre in Redding, CA (tickets at the Cascade Theatre Box Office or cascadetheatre.org) and Sunday, May 12th at 2pm at Laxson Auditorium in Chico, CA (tickets at the University Box Office or chicostatetickets.com). Single Tickets range from \$18 to \$55 with discounts available

for students and seniors and free tickets for Moms with Promo Code “MothersDay”. A free pre-concert talk with Maestro Seaton takes place one hour before each performance.

Generous community support for North State Symphony is provided by Season Sponsor Dignity Health. In Redding, the concert is sponsored by The McConnell Foundation; Ms. Wang’s appearance is sponsored by Dr. Ron Reece; and Maestro Seaton’s performance is sponsored by Rose Crain and Vern McHaney. A free pre-concert talk 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. Generous media sponsorship is provided by KRCR-TV.

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