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## **NORTH STATE SYMPHONY SHOWCASES SAINT-SAENS AND A NEW GENERATION OF CLASSICAL MUSIC ARTISTS**

CHICO/REDDING, CA – In early February, North State Symphony performs its third Masterworks concerts of the season, featuring the iconic Saint-Saens Organ Symphony as well as sharing the stage with young classical music talent from across the North State.

“Pulling Out the Stops” is on February 8th in Redding and February 9th in Chico. Inspired by Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, Saint-Saens created the resoundingly beautiful Symphony No. 3, popularly known as the Organ Symphony, on the grandest of scales, employing the “King of Instruments”. The program also includes 2019’s Young Artist Audition High School winner Oliver Moore performing the lush Romantic themes in Liszt’s First Piano Concerto. Youth orchestra members from both Chico and Redding will join the symphony for the rhythmically thrilling Danzon No. 2 by composer Arturo Marquez, assisted by Butte MTAC Youth Orchestra Director Yoshie Muratani and Shasta College Chamber Strings Orchestra Director Dr. Jeff Specht.

“Our February concerts are something we look forward to all season,” says Elizabeth Quivey, executive director of North State Symphony. “As always, this year’s Young Artist Audition winners give us the optimism that classical music is alive and well. They carry us forward by bringing new ideas, energy and diversity to this enduring art form. As an example, besides being an amazing pianist, Oliver Moore is also a vocalist, upright bassist, accompanist, arranger and confident entertainer. Our musicians look forward to sharing the stage with him, and with top youth orchestra players from around the North State.”

“Pulling Out the Stops” performances are Saturday, February 8th at 7:30pm at the Cascade Theatre in Redding, CA (tickets at the Cascade Theatre Box Office or [cascadetheatre.org](http://cascadetheatre.org)) and February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Laxson Auditorium in Chico, CA (tickets at the University Box Office or at [chicostatetickets.com](http://chicostatetickets.com)).

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