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## **NORTH STATE SYMPHONY**

### **ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON CONCERTS**

CHICO/REDDING, CA – North State Symphony returns to the stage for our first traditional holiday concerts in two years, at our usual smaller and more intimate venues in Chico, Red Bluff, and Redding throughout the weekend of December 10th-12th.

Celebrate the spirit of the season with family and friends as the orchestra performs a variety of sacred and popular holiday music, from Baroque to Romantic and beyond. The concerts, which feature NSS 2020 Young Artist Audition College Division Winner Valdis Birznieks (baritone) to help “sing in” the holiday season, conclude with an instrumental holiday carol medley.

“We’re thrilled to get back to our holiday concerts this year,” says Scott Seaton, Music Director and Conductor of North State Symphony. “This concert promises a blend of new and old, from light classical fare to traditional holiday favorites. Whether you’re looking to hear timeless works for smaller orchestra or to be encompassed by festive music to get you into the holiday spirit, there’s something here for everyone. You’ll hear music with powerful, sprightly tunes; wistful melodies; and works that have spiritual and hymn-like elements. We look forward to featuring our young artist audition winner, Valdis Birznieks, and to sharing the passionate playing of our North State Symphony musicians with everyone this holiday season!”

Mr. Birznieks is a graduate of CSU Chico’s Department of Music and Theatre, where he performed lead roles in productions of Bernstein’s *Candide* and Mozart’s *Magic Flute*.

Holiday Concert performances are Friday, December 10th at 7:30pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Chico (tickets at the University Box Office or at [chicostatetickets.com](http://chicostatetickets.com)); Saturday, December 11th at 7:30pm at the State Theatre in Red Bluff (tickets at [tehamaconcertseries.org](http://tehamaconcertseries.org)); and Sunday, December 12th at 4pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in Redding (tickets at the Cascade Theatre Box Office or [cascadetheatre.org](http://cascadetheatre.org)). Masks will be required in all venues.

Generous community support for North State Symphony is provided by Season Sponsor Dignity Health. In Chico, the concert and Mr. Seaton’s and Mr. Birzniek’s appearances are generously sponsored by Sam and Sam Hillaire. In Red Bluff, the concert is produced in partnership with the Tehama County Concert Association.

North State Symphony ([www.northstatesymphony.org](http://www.northstatesymphony.org)) is a professional orchestra and cultural symbol of Northern California seeking to engage, educate, excite, and unite North State communities through the language of music.

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