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Rogue Valley Symphony and Oregon Shakespeare Festival Announce New Collaboration
RVS Holiday and Valentine's Day Pops Concerts to be Featured in OSF's Angus Bowmer Theatre

Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Rogue Valley Symphony are pleased to announce a new collaboration which will feature Holiday and Valentine's Day pops concerts on OSF's historic Angus Bowmer stage. This collaboration exemplifies RVS and OSF's commitment to providing year-round entertainment to the Rogue Valley. By utilizing OSF's beautiful spaces during the festival's off season, RVS will be able to expand their 2023/24 Season with new winter offerings.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us", says RVS Executive Director Joelle Graves. "Our patrons are asking us for more. We have not been able to perform a Holiday Pops for years because we just couldn't find a venue that could accommodate the symphony. OSF can, and we are thrilled."

"We are really pleased to be part of this collaboration of two longstanding community arts organizations, and we look forward to sharing these concerts with our collective audiences", added OSF Interim Executive Director Tyler Hokama.

On December 15 - 17, RVS will perform "Home for the Holidays", starring Steffanie Leigh – who will literally be home for the holidays. Steffi grew up in the Rogue Valley and went on to work on Broadway, starring as Mary Poppins and appearing in the musicals War Paint and GiGi. Then on February 14, RVS will produce "A Love Letter to Shakespeare" in partnership with OSF. This Valentine's Day concert will feature sets of OSF actors who will perform excerpts from Romeo and Juliet, Troilus and Cressida, Much Ado About Nothing and Henry VI, all surrounded by the music composed in honor of Shakespeare's works: Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet; Bernstein's West Side Story Medley; Mendelssohn's March from Midsummer and more.

RVS and OSF look forward to collaborating further in 2024 and beyond. "We are thrilled that the Rogue Valley Symphony will be expanding their season to perform in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Angus Bowmer Theatre for this coming holiday season and for Valentine's Day in 2024. We are not only pleased that OSF is working closely with a local performing arts organization but that the theatres will be used during their off-season, allowing for local arts organizations, such as the Rogue Valley Symphony to add on to their season. This will offer more opportunities for our residents and visitors to enjoy exceptional entertainment", said Sandra Slattery, Executive Director of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for these engagements will go on sale to RVS subscribers in late September and to the general public October 16th. For more information, contact the Rogue Valley Symphony at www.rvsymphony.org or call 541-708-6400.

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