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LONGMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S OPENING NIGHT CONCERT CELEBRATES LEONARD BERNSTEIN

LONGMONT, CO, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 — The Longmont Symphony Orchestra (LSO) will present a concert dedicated to Leonard Bernstein as part of the global celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bernstein's birth. The opening concert of the LSO's 2018-19 season, entitled "Musical Journeys," will be held on **Saturday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.** at Vance Brand Civic Auditorium in Longmont.

The LSO will perform Bernstein's choral/orchestral work *Chichester Psalms* with the Longmont Chorale. Written in 1965, as the United States was entering the Vietnam War, *Chichester Psalms* was Bernstein's plea for unity and peace.

"Our 2018-19 journey begins with a celebration of Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday and some of the composers whose music he championed, including Shostakovich and Mahler. Mahler's First Symphony, 'Titan,' completes the composer's journey of love and loss – and ultimate triumph – that he began with his autobiographical song cycle, *Songs of a Wayfarer*," said LSO music director Elliot Moore.

Opening Night – Happy Birthday, Lenny!

Saturday, October 6, 2018—7:30 PM

Vance Brand Civic Auditorium, 600 E. Mountain View Ave., Longmont
Elliot Moore, conductor

SHOSTAKOVICH *Festive Overture*

BERNSTEIN *Chichester Psalms*

with the Longmont Chorale and Wade Hartrick, boy soprano

MAHLER Symphony No. 1, "Titan"

A free pre-concert talk with Elliot Moore will be held in the Commons area at 6:30 p.m. Single tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and active military, \$5 for students age 12-18, and free for age 11 and under, and are on sale via phone (303-772-5796) and online at www.longmontsymphony.org. Office hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Fridays; the office is closed on Wednesdays.

About the Longmont Chorale

The Longmont Chorale provides and supports an open, non-auditioned community choir, enriching the lives of singers and patrons through the study, creation, and performance of beautiful choral music. The full Chorale performs a diverse repertoire of music across genres such as classical, pop, jazz, movie and show tunes, Celtic, and more. All are welcome to sing with the full Chorale, and there is no audition to join; only simple pitch-matching exercises are needed. In addition, the smaller auditioned group, the Chorale Singers, performs at special events around the Longmont community. Singers perform as part of the Longmont United Hospital's tree lighting ceremony, for assisted living residents, and as part of the Longmont Symphony's Candlelight Concert.

www.longmontchorale.org

About Wade Hartrick

Wade Hartrick is a 7th grade student at Boulder Country Day School. Wade sings with his school choir and with the Boulder Children's Chorale. He has been singing with the Boulder Children's Chorale since he was a 1st grader in the preparatory choir and has spent the last three years singing with the top-level Bel Canto ensemble. When he is not singing, Wade builds robots and radio-controlled cars, and plays competitive baseball and hockey. He lives with his parents, older sister, and a hound dog in Boulder.

Funding for the LSO's 2018-19 season comes from the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, the Longmont Community Foundation, the Community Foundation of Boulder County and the City of Longmont.

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