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**Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra Presents
Season Finale "Wagner Favorites"**

(LINCOLN, Neb. – April 21, 2017) On Friday, April 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra will perform a resounding season finale of "Wagner Favorites" at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Lincoln Youth Symphony will join LSO for the opening piece, performing the stately overture from *Die Meistersinger*. "I am so grateful for the opportunity our young students have to play along with the pros, to play for Maestro Polochick, and to play on the Lied Center stage," said LYS conductor and LSO principal violist Clark Potter. "This kind of experience truly cannot be replicated any other way. I really appreciate LSO and their willingness and work to make this happen. The large number of string players is going to make the Wagner *Meistersinger Overture* sound absolutely incredible. I can't wait!"

Following this procession, widely-acclaimed soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme will take the stage with Strauss' achingly beautiful *Four Last Songs*, "some of the most beautiful, heartfelt and heart-wrenching music ever written by a composer," said Maestro Polochick. "These songs, written at the very end of Strauss' life, explore the beauty and completeness of the transfiguration of the soul at the time of death. We will be privileged to hear the supreme artistry of soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme, with her vocal gifts full of beauty, shimmering delicateness and strength."

After intermission, the Wagnerian journey continues with favorites such as the prelude to the third act of *Lohengrin*, the overture from *Tannhäuser*, the prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan und Isolde*, and of course, the evening will conclude with the famous *Ride of the Valkyries*.

"It is a program which will be equally enjoyed by the listener and performer alike," said Polochick. "It just might be the musical event of the season!"

An announcement for the 2017-2018 season will take place from the stage, with subscriptions available to order the evening of the concert.

NET Radio's Genevieve Randall will host a pre-concert chat the evening of the concert at 6:45 p.m. in the Steinhart Room with Maestro Polochick and Brad Buffum, Production Stage Manager for the Johnny Carson School of Theatre & Film at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

To stay current with symphony events, follow Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter—and don't forget to use #LSOlove while visiting the photobooth during intermission!

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.lincolnsymphony.org, by phone at (402) 476-2211, or by visiting Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra's box office (233 S. 13th St., Ste. 1702).

In an effort to make all LSO concerts financially accessible, LSO's ticket prices are available for only \$15 or \$30 each for adults, inclusive of all ticketing and facility fees. Tickets for youth ages 17 and under are available for \$5 each, made possible by the Lienemann Charitable Foundation.

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