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Hundreds of local teens showcase talent & hard work in memorable concert at Holland Center

When: Sunday, November 15 @ 7:30 PM

Where: Holland Performing Arts Center, 1200 Douglas Street

Tickets: \$10; available by calling 402.342.3836 x107 or at the door

Details: **COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PHOTO OPPORTUNITY–PERFECT KICKER VIDEO!**

If you would like to shoot video or take photographs of this amazing youth performance, please call Sarah Brownlee at 402.342.3836 x140 or 402.639.6998 (cell). When you arrive, please alert the Box Office.

Omaha, Neb – What do you get when you bring together one symphony orchestra, four professional opera singers, and seven high school choirs? The answer – Choral Collaborative. Created through a unique partnership between the Omaha Symphony and Opera Omaha, this event gives area high school students the opportunity to receive mentoring from professional musicians, participate in the planning of a professional music concert, and perform large symphonic and operatic works.

This year, more than 500 choir students from seven area schools – **Bellevue East, Bellevue West, Fremont, Lincoln Southwest, Omaha Burke, Papillion-LaVista, and Papillion-LaVista South** – will perform selections like Mozart’s Requiem, as well as a number of favorite opera choruses. Pieces from Bizet’s *Carmen* and Gounod’s *Faust*, along with “Duel of the Fates” from *Stars Wars: Phantom Menace*, are among the highlights.

These talented young people have put in hours of serious rehearsal that will culminate in this one-night-only performance. They have had one-on-one instruction from Opera Omaha Resident Music Director J. Gawf and Omaha Symphony Resident Conductor Ernest Richardson. “The opportunity to perform in the Holland Performing Arts Center is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many of these students,” said Jennifer Boomgaarden, Vice President of education and community partnerships with the Omaha Symphony. “The opportunity to work with a professional opera company and a professional symphony orchestra is one these students are certain to remember for many years to come.”

The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through June. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, Chamber, Sights and Sounds, and Family series concerts, the orchestra tours both Nebraska and Iowa providing education and community engagement concerts and special events. For tickets or information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402.342.3560 or visit

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