

Omaha Symphony Conductor Ernest Richardson debuts world premiere, dedicates work to orchestra

What: SPIRIT OF CREATIVITY Chamber Concert
When: Saturday, May 28 7 PM
Where: UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center (60th & Dodge)
Tickets: \$30 General Admission

Omaha, Neb – Omaha audiences typically see Omaha Symphony resident conductor Ernest Richardson on the podium, but next Saturday, concertgoers will *hear* a piece of music by **Ernest Richardson**—the composer—for the very first time. Experience the world premiere of his *Three Scenes for Chamber Orchestra* at **Spirit of Creativity** Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center. The piece, dedicated to the Omaha Symphony in honor of its 90th Anniversary, is the crown jewel of a program full of creative pieces that break the mold.

“Performing Ernest’s extraordinary composition is the perfect conclusion to our 90th anniversary season. It is the ideal time to honor one of our own who has given so much to this community,” said Omaha Symphony music director Thomas Wilkins, who will conduct the concert.

About the composition, Richardson wrote: “I began thinking about the musicians that I work with at the Omaha Symphony and musical ideas came to me as I imagined their playing. The work is very much crafted for them, as I know them through their playing. My job as a composer is to make the connection between audience and performer, and it always brings me a smile.”

The final Chamber concert of the 2010/11 season also features works by Copland, Bartók, and Barber. **Spirit of Creativity** also highlights the talents of three Omaha Symphony musicians: Maria Harding, flute; Jason Sudduth, oboe; and Scott Quackenbush; trumpet.

Join the Omaha Symphony for this celebration of creativity—and its own conductor Ernest Richardson! For tickets, please call 402.342.3560 or visit www.omahasymphony.org.