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## Symphony welcomes “*Spring*” next weekend

**What:** *The Rite of Spring* MasterWorks Concert

Sponsored by Omaha Steaks

**When:** March 13 & 14 8 PM

Holland Performing Arts Center 1200 Douglas Street

**Tickets:** \$15- \$75; 402.345.0606, 402.342.3560 or [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org)

**Omaha, Neb** – Join Maestro Thomas Wilkins and the Omaha Symphony for *The Rite of Spring*, a masterpiece that takes listeners (and players) on a wild musical romp. We present Stravinsky’s signature work Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, at 8 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

Stravinsky’s *The Rite of Spring* wasted no time making a splash in the music world: a riot broke out at its 1913 debut in France! While audience members were expecting a pretty, peaceful ballet, what they got was a work that unapologetically busted conventions, featuring forceful sounds, complex rhythms, and primitive dancing. Since 1913, people have come to appreciate how Stravinsky composed “outside the box” and now recognize the piece as one of the most influential in history.

The excitement and adventure of *The Rite of Spring* will be balanced by Copland’s beautiful *Appalachian Spring*. See your orchestra’s talent and versatility in full display at these memorable concerts! Maestro Thomas Wilkins will conduct and share musical insight from the stage.

*The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through May. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, Chamber, Discovery, Casual Classics, West “O” Casual Classics, 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 [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org)*

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