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## **Conductor JoAnn Falletta, cellist Julian Schwarz join the Omaha Symphony for “Spring Enchantment”**

**WHAT:** Spring Enchantment MasterWorks Concerts

**WHEN:** Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 8 PM

**WHERE:** Holland Performing Arts Center 1200 Douglas Street

**TICKETS:** \$15-\$75 402.342.3560 [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org)

**Omaha, Neb** – Omaha audiences will be swept away by the star power and musical beauty of **Spring Enchantment**, May 6 and 7 at the Holland Center. **JoAnn Falletta** will take the podium to conduct Elgar’s beloved Enigma Variations, as well as works by Prokofiev and Mendelssohn. Saint-Saëns’s romantic Cello Concerto No. 1 will feature rising star soloist **Julian Schwarz**.

Acclaimed by *The New York Times* as “one of the finest conductors of her generation,” JoAnn Falletta serves as music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. With Falletta at the helm, the BPO has released 12 CDs on the Naxos label, garnering nine Grammy nominations and two Grammy Awards. She frequently guest conducts many of the world’s great symphony orchestras.

Nineteen year old cellist Julian Schwarz made his orchestral debut at the age of 11 with the Seattle Symphony with his father, music director Gerard Schwarz, on the podium. Since then,

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## Falletta and cellist Schwarz join orchestra for enchanting concert of classics

he has performed with many Seattle area orchestras, as well as symphonies in Syracuse, Memphis, Columbus (OH), Greensboro (NC), and Grand Rapids. In the winter of 2010, Schwarz was one of the featured soloists on an extensive US tour with the Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra, performing 13 concerts on the east and west coasts.

Tickets to Spring Enchantment are available, starting at just \$15. To purchase concert tickets or season tickets for the Omaha Symphony's 2011/12 season, please call the Omaha Symphony Box Office at 402.342.3560 (open M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.) or order online at [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org).

*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 Omaha Symphony's nationally recognized education programs touch the lives of more than 37,000 schoolchildren each year. 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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