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***Symphony in Space* offers an intergalactic adventure of fun**

Program includes selections from Star Wars, The Planets, and more

OMAHA, Neb., April 5, 2018- Beam up to the Sonic Spaceship and set a course for maximum fun as the Omaha Symphony navigates an intergalactic adventure in *Symphony in Space*, Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m., at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

Led by guest conductor Enrico Lopez-Yañez, the final Family series of the season features kid-friendly space-themed music like John Williams' *Star Wars* theme, Cantina Band, and Duel of the Fates from *The Phantom Menace*, excerpts from Holst's *The Planets*, Stravinsky's *The Firebird*, and Copland's Buckaroo Holiday from *Rodeo*. The program is a blend of live drama and orchestral music, with cameo appearances by Music Director Thomas Wilkins and Principal Pops Conductor Ernest Richardson.

In *Symphony in Space*, the galaxy is in danger as the villainous Lieutenant Tritone is out to steal the three legendary Orb Crystals that maintain peace and order among the star systems. With the help of Cadet Enrico and autonomous bot A440, all eligible cadets are called upon to employ the musical maneuvers of rhythm, pitch, and dynamics in a cosmic race to stop Lieutenant Tritone from destroying the universe.

Symphony in Space was conceived and written by Lopez-Yañez for the symphony's Mission Imagination program. It has been adapted into an hour-long concert experience for the Family Series.

The Omaha Symphony Family Series features pre-concert activities at 1:15 p.m. in the orchestra level lobby, including the extremely popular instrument petting zoo. The petting zoo allows children to touch and play instruments that are usually hands-off to little ones, such as a violin, cello, flute, and trombone. In addition to the instrument petting zoo, lobby crafts will also be available to enhance the experience.

Enrico Lopez-Yañez is currently the assistant conductor of the Nashville Symphony, a position he held with the Omaha Symphony after being appointed conducting fellow of the Omaha Symphony in 2015. In the summer of 2016, he served as assistant conductor to Christoph Eschenbach during the National Youth Orchestra's Carnegie Hall and New York performances, as well as assistant conductor to Valeri Gergiev during his European tour with the orchestra.

Tickets to *Symphony in Space* are \$15. They can be purchased by visiting www.omahasymphony.org, or by calling 402.345.0606.

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