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The King of Pop lives in *Windborne's The Music of Michael Jackson*

Omaha Symphony performs hits like "Billie Jean," "Bad," "Thriller," more

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 7, 2019- The Omaha Symphony's latest Symphony Rocks show is sure to be a "Thriller" as the orchestra pays homage to the King of Pop, with *Windborne's The Music of Michael Jackson*, Saturday, January 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

Led by guest conductor Richard Carsey and featuring performer James Delisco Beeks, the concert will deliver hits from the Jackson 5 through albums such as *Off the Wall*, *Thriller*, *Bad*, and more. Many of Jackson's most popular and familiar songs will soar as the orchestra performs "Smooth Criminal," "I'll be There," "Billie Jean," "The Way You Make Me Feel," "Bad," "Man in the Mirror," "P.Y.T.," "Ben," "Beat It," and more.

Windborne Productions brings classic rock music with orchestra to symphonies across the country, bringing the music of Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, The Eagles, The Doors, Queen, The Who, U2, the Rolling Stones and Journey to the concert stage. They last appeared with the Omaha Symphony for *The Music of Whitney Houston* in 2016.

James Delisco Beeks is a five-octave countertenor who sings most of Jackson's songs in their original recording keys. In addition to his singing, he also takes on the moves of M.J. with near perfection, and adds his own signature style. Beeks is an award-winning entertainer fresh off the heels of Broadway hit *Kinky Boots*' Australian tour; he is formerly a principal in Broadway's *Aida*, and the 1998 musical *Ragtime*. He has been described as a cross between Michael Jackson, Terrence Trent Darby, Lenny Kravitz, Stevie Wonder, and Justin Timberlake.

Tickets to *Windborne's The Music of Michael Jackson* start at \$19. They can be purchased by visiting www.omahasymphony.org or by calling Ticket Omaha at 402.345.0606. Student Rush tickets are available one hour prior to the concert. Any student with a valid student ID may purchase up to two Student Rush tickets for \$10 each.

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