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NET Radio's "Nebraska Concerts" Series Features Symphonies, Jazz and Chamber Music in September

LINCOLN, Neb. (Aug. 23, 2012)-- Nebraska Concerts in September brings five Sundays of great music performances by the Omaha Symphony, the Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra, Abendmusik: Lincoln and the Nebraska Chamber Players. The series airs at 1 p.m. CT Sundays on NET Radio.

Sunday, Sept. 2 features classical works as performed by the Omaha Symphony Orchestra in a concert titled "Beethoven's Ninth Symphony." The concert also includes Howard Hanson's "Symphony #2, Op. 30, 'Romantic,'" and Ludwig van Beethoven's "Symphony #9 in D Minor, Op. 125, 'Choral.'" Music Director Thomas Wilkins leads the symphony, augmented by soprano Heidi Grant Murphy, mezzo-soprano Jamie Barton, tenor Nicholas Phan, baritone Phillip Addis, the University of Nebraska-Omaha Concert Choir, the Omaha Symphonic Chorus, and the Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir in one of Beethoven's greatest compositions.

Sunday, Sept. 9, the Nebraska Jazz Orchestra performs a program titled "KC Swing," featuring Kerry Strayer on saxophone. Strayer is a Fairbury, Neb., native, Doane College graduate and current resident of Kansas City.

Sunday, Sept. 16, the Omaha Symphony Orchestra returns for a second September concert titled "Russian Rhapsody." Guest conductor Andrew Grams directs the orchestra in Alexander Borodin's "Overture to Prince Igor," Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43," with pianist Joyce Yang; and Dmitri Shostakovich's "Symphony #5 in D Minor, Op. 47."

Sunday, Sept. 23, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra presents an "Evening with Beethoven." Music Director Edward Polochick conducts an all-Beethoven program that features the "Egmont Overture, Op. 84," performed with the Lincoln Youth Symphony; the "Piano Concerto #5 in E-flat Major, Op. 73 'Emperor,'" performed with Mark Clinton, professor of piano at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and the "Symphony #7 in A Major, Op. 92."

Sunday Sept. 30, the program features performances from the Abendmusik: Lincoln series and the Nebraska Chamber Players. The Abendmusik: Lincoln series presents the Doane College Choir, the Abendmusik Chorus and the Abendmusik Orchestra in a concert called "Dona Nobis pacem: A Tribute to our Veterans." Abendmusik: Lincoln is now known as Abendmusik at First-Plymouth, named after the church that houses the series. The Nebraska Chamber Players play works by Florent Schmitt, Giacomo Puccini, Albert Roussel and Tristan Fuentes.

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