

## NET Radio's "Nebraska Concerts" Rings in the New Year

LINCOLN, Neb. (December 22, 2011) -- Ring in the New Year and settle into winter with the soothing sounds of classical music on NET Radio's "Nebraska Concerts" series in January, broadcasting Sundays at 1 p.m. CT.

The Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra and resident conductor Ernest Richardson launch the new year on Sunday, Jan. 1, with performances of Aaron Jay Kernis' "Overture in Feet and Meters;" Ralph Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending," with violinist Amy Sims; Richard Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll;" and Bela Bartok's "Divertimento."

"Nebraska Concerts" continues on Sunday, Jan. 8, with a Sheldon Friends of Chamber Music concert by Trio Nuovo performing Shostakovich's "Piano Trio No. 1 in C Minor," Arensky's "Piano Trio in D Minor, Op. 32" and Chausson's "Piano Trio in G Minor, Op. 3." Trio Nuovo is comprised of violinist and Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Anton Miller and University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) faculty artists Mark Clinton, piano, and Karen Becker, cello.

Also included in the Jan. 8 program is music from UNL faculty artists John Bailey, flute, and Jeffrey McCray, bassoon.

The Sunday, Jan. 15 broadcast features "A Celebration of American Folk Songs, Hymns and Spirituals" from First Presbyterian Church's "Arts for the Soul" series in Lincoln. The First Presbyterian Church Choir and instrumentalist and organist Dr. Charles W. Ore, under the direction of Dr. Brian Pfofner, are joined by Omaha's Grace University Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Greg Zielke.

The Jan. 15 program concludes with music from a Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra benefit concert from The Grand Manse in Lincoln, featuring orchestra musicians and UNL faculty artists performing compositions by Franz Schubert, Carl Maria von Weber, Jacques F. Mazas, Ludwig van Beethoven, Damon Thomas Lee and Bela Kovacs.

On Sunday, Jan. 22, Iowa State University's Ames Piano Quartet performs Johannes Brahms' "Piano Quartet in C Minor, Op. 60," Paul Schoenfield's "Carolina Reveille" and Robert Schumann's "Piano Quartet, Op. 47" from the Sheldon Friends of Chamber Music series in Lincoln. Also included in the program is a brief interview with Ames Piano Quartet cellist George Work, a Lincoln native, who describes how this concert was nearly cancelled after he dropped and damaged his instrument just prior to the performance. Find out about the frantic search for a suitable replacement so that the concert could go on as planned.

The Sunday, Jan. 29 broadcast of "Nebraska Concerts" features UNL's Chiara String Quartet performing Beethoven's "String Quartet in B Flat Major, Op. 18, No. 6;" "String Quartet in B Flat Major, Op. 130;" and "Grosse Fuge in B Flat Major, Op. 133."

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