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BSO to perform Mozart masterpiece on Feb. 22

Program also features Derryberry Award soloist

Containing some of Mozart's most well-known melodies, *Symphony No. 40 in g minor* represents a composer working at the height of his power — and its emotional outpouring was a grand statement for symphonic music in the 18th century.

Cookeville has an opportunity to hear the masterpiece performed by the Bryan Symphony Orchestra at Tennessee Tech University beginning at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, in Wattenbarger Auditorium.

Tickets are in limited supply. Call the symphony box office at 931-372-6088 for reservations. The performance is sponsored by Premier Diagnostic Imaging, a community partner that has underwritten a BSO concert annually for the past four years.

"*Symphony No. 40* is one of Mozart's last great statements, and it's a beauty," said Music Director Dan Allcott. "Most minor key pieces are considered somber and dark, but this is also exceptionally beautiful."

Written in the summer of 1788, *Symphony No. 40* is a masterpiece of classical form and one of only two Mozart symphonies composed in a minor key. The other, one of the early Salzburg symphonies, was written in Mozart's youth. Allcott will conduct performances of both in the same week — the more youthful Salzburg piece with a student ensemble, TTU's University Orchestra, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17.

"When he wrote the first one, Mozart was still traveling and soaking up influences and deciding what kind of composer he wanted to be," said Allcott. "The 40th is from a more mature standpoint."



Music Director Dan Allcott, in his sixth season as conductor and faculty member at TTU, leads the Bryan Symphony Orchestra into 2009 with performances of works by Berlioz, Mozart and Dubois. TTU photo

Also on the program for the BSO's Feb. 22 performance is the overture to Berlioz's opera *Benvenuto Cellini*, as well as a solo performance of Pierre Max Dubois' *Concerto for Alto Saxophone* by Ben Elsberry, winner of the Joan Derryberry Memorial Concerto Competition.

Following the Feb. 22 concert, the BSO will perform its annual education program, two concerts for Putnam County fourth-graders held in Wattenbarger Auditorium on Monday, Feb. 23. An estimated 800 school children will visit the TTU campus for the performances, which are sponsored for the second year by First National Bank of Tennessee, with additional funding provided through a grant from the Cookeville Arts Council. **BSO**



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February 18-23

Concert week



■ Wednesday, Feb. 18:

- Crossville Preview Luncheon, 11 a.m., Palace Theater. Cost is \$10 and payable at the door. Call 931-484-6133 for reservations by Feb. 16.
- BSO Backstage, 8:30 p.m., WCTE-TV, Ch. 22 (local cable Ch. 10).

■ Friday, Feb. 20:

Symphony Social, 7 p.m., First National Bank of Tennessee, 412 S. Jefferson Ave., Cookeville. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Call 931-372-6088 for reservations.

■ Saturday, Feb. 21:

■ Sunday, Feb. 22:

- Concert preview lecture with Catherine Godes, 2 p.m., Room 223, Bryan Fine Arts Building.
- Concert, 3 p.m., Wattenbarger Auditorium.
- Reception, immediately after concert, BFAB lobby.
- Dinner at Mauricio's, 232 N. Peachtree Ave. Call 931-372-6088 for reservations.

■ Monday, Feb. 23:

Education concerts, 9:15 and 10:30 a.m., Wattenbarger Auditorium.

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