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RENO PHIL'S PRINCIPAL VIOLIST BUDISH BRINGS HEART TO THE CLASSIX THREE PERFORMANCE

Jan. 17 and 19, 2016 at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts

RENO, Nev. (Jan. 8, 2016)—The Reno Phil celebrates “The Majesty of Music” showcasing the works of Handel, Walton and Beethoven for an engaging performance Jan. 17 and Jan. 19 at the Pioneer Center for Performing Arts in Reno, Nev., featuring the Reno Phil’s own principal violist Dustin Budish. The orchestral lineup features George Frideric Handel’s *Water Music: Suite No. 2 in D, HWV 349*, the William Walton Concerto for Viola and Orchestra and Ludwig van Beethoven Symphony No. 3 in E-flat, op. 55 “Eroica.”

“For Classix Three we’re bringing together the majestic works of three well known composers for a classic performance designed to provide a rich musical experience for our attendees,” Laura Jackson, musical director and conductor, said. “The depth expressed in these compositions will be enhanced by the talents of Dustin Budish on viola. His mastery will shine through and provide a musical balance designed to engage and delight.”

Handel’s composition is a baroque suite composed at the request of King George I in 1717 during his travels by barge from Whitehall Palace to Chelsea. The story goes that the king and his guests boarded the royal barge while a second barge followed with about 50 musicians entertaining the guests with the newly composed “Water Music.”

The piece by Walton is headed by Budish. Budish takes this concerto and brings out its lush, warm English style as written in 1929. A native Renoite, Budish began his musical training at the age of 8 studying the piano then realizing this passion for the viola. He attended Sparks Middle School and Reed High school. Budish then studied at Oberlin College and the Cleveland Institute of Music where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Viola Performance and then received his Masters of Music with honors at the New England Conservatory. While in college, he worked with and performed alongside members of the Cavani, Tokyo, Vermeer and Cleveland Quartets and received the Russell Award at the Coleman Chamber Music Competition in 2001. As a member of the Verbier Festival, Budish has travelled across the globe for performances in Europe, Asia and was invited to Israel to perform with Maxim Vengerov’s Mozart Project with the Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra. As a member of the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, he performed in Carnegie Hall with Yo Yo Ma, and later was featured as soloist with the orchestra as a winner of the annual concerto competition under Maestro Alasdair Neale’s direction. In addition to his role as principal violist with the Reno Phil, he teaches at the University of Nevada, Reno, has substituted with the San Francisco Symphony and has been a member of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony for the past ten years.

The performance concludes with Beethoven’s Symphony No. 3 bearing the title “Eroica” because at first Beethoven dedicated the symphony to Napoleon Bonaparte, who he greatly admired until Napoleon declared himself emperor. Beethoven then chose to rescind the dedication, declaring it a general symphony of the heroic.

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The Classix Three performances are Sunday, Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. Pre-concert talks take place Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. and Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. The preview provides attendees a background and historical context to the music to be performed.

Tickets are available online at RENOPHIL.COM or by calling 775-323-6393.

About the Reno Phil

The [Reno Phil](http://RENOPHIL.COM) is northern Nevada's largest performing arts organization. In its 47th season, the orchestra, led by music director Laura Jackson, is comprised of more than 80 professional musicians who perform more than 30 concerts annually throughout the Reno-Tahoe region. Musicians of the professional orchestra, youth orchestras, various ensembles and education programs offer more than 60 performances each year, playing to more than 50,000 people. The flagship of the Reno Phil is its concert series offering six classic music series, *Classix*, performed on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. To learn more about the Reno Philharmonic and its events, and to discover all that the Reno Phil has to offer, visit RENOPHIL.COM

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