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NMSO Management Informed That Musicians Fail To Approve Work Agreement Offer

Performance Cancellations, Changes Announced

(ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Nov. 13, 2009) – New Mexico Symphony Orchestra (NMSO) management was informed today that the full orchestra voted to turn down the work agreement offer that included the musician union’s final economic proposal of Oct. 27 and NMSO management’s final wording on a Shared Success Initiative of Nov. 5.

The final economic proposal of the musicians’ union that the orchestra rejected would have resulted in pay reductions of 12.1 to 18.4 percent for orchestra members and was first proposed by the musicians’ union on Oct. 27. This proposal from the musicians was unanimously accepted by the NMSO Board of Trustees on Oct. 28 and differed from the NMSO management’s original economic proposal that included pay reductions of 18 to 23 percent.

“We had hoped that the musicians would vote to accept the work agreement that their union representatives had proposed on Oct. 27. Unfortunately, it seems that the NMSO’s much anticipated season opening will suffer more delays,” said Eric Meyer, NMSO president and CEO. “We are so thankful for our loyal patrons who continue to offer their support to the NMSO through this difficult period.”

Background information about the proposed work agreement and labor negotiations is available at www.nmsso.org.

NMSO Classics cancellation

The performances of Elgar’s Enigma, scheduled for Nov. 20-22, are cancelled. These programs will not be rescheduled due to a lack of available dates in the performance calendar ending May 31, 2010.

Information about other scheduled performances will be announced when it is available.

Nutcracker by New Mexico Ballet Company to be performed as scheduled

The Nutcracker will be performed as scheduled by the New Mexico Ballet Company, but without the partnership with the NMSO. The Ballet Company will hire a conductor and musicians to preserve its Nutcracker as the only one in Albuquerque performed with live orchestra.

Information for ticket holders

At this time, NMSO cannot offer any refunds on tickets. As soon as an agreement is in place with NMSO orchestra musicians, instructions for ticket holders will be announced. Patrons who still hold tickets for a concert that has been postponed or cancelled are asked to keep their tickets because they will be valid for rescheduled concerts. If ticket holders are unable to attend on a rescheduled date, they may exchange the tickets for another concert, or the NMSO can provide a ticket voucher, valid for two years, for the full ticket value. If the ticket is part of a subscription package, the NMSO can provide a ticket voucher, valid for two years, for the prorated portion of the subscription.

About the NMSO

The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra is the official orchestra of the State of New Mexico, serving over 130,000 people each year through its Classics, Pops and Symphony Under the Stars series, as well as many free NMSO Family Concerts. The NMSO is the largest non-governmental provider of music education in New Mexico and has also been recognized by the Mellon Foundation for its innovative community engagement efforts. The NMSO is under the baton of Music Director Guillermo Figueroa and Resident Conductor and Chorus Director Roger Melone.

For more information about the NMSO, visit nmso.org.

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