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## **NMSO Announces Agreement with Musicians' Union; 2009/2010 Season to Begin with Dec. 12 Concerts**

### ***Planning Begins for Sustainable NMSO Fundraising Campaign***

**(ALBUQUERQUE, NM, Nov. 30, 2009)** - The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra (NMSO) management and musicians have reached an agreement, which has been ratified by the full orchestra, and are looking forward to once again entertaining audiences with top quality, live performances.

The NMSO, the state's official orchestra, will begin the 2009/2010 season with "A Very Merry Pops" on Dec. 12 and "Messiah" on Dec. 18-20. See [nmso.org](http://nmso.org) for concert times.

"The postponement of concerts was painful for all of us. We are very, very pleased to put that behind us and move forward in providing the NMSO's supportive patrons with inspiring musical performances by our talented musicians," said Eric Meyer, NMSO president and CEO.

#### **Rescheduled Concerts and Information for Ticket Holders**

The NMSO will announce new dates for all rescheduled concerts by Dec. 7. Patrons with tickets for one of the postponed concerts are asked to keep their tickets because they will be valid for the rescheduled concert. 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.

#### **Fundraising Campaign**

Planning has already begun for a major campaign to raise funds for sustaining the NMSO in the future. "NMSO Trustees are pleased to reach resolution with our musicians and to start our 2009/2010 season. But we know that we must find a way to raise a substantial amount of money to support our musicians and this great institution," said Coleman Travelstead, NMSO Board of Trustees chair. "Never again do we want to be in the position where an economic downturn can create such havoc for

our state's premier orchestra." The NMSO will be announcing details of the fundraising campaign in coming weeks.

**About the NMSO**

The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra is the official orchestra of the State of New Mexico, serving more than 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](http://nmso.org).

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