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A Requiem for Humanity: Eureka Symphony Presents Brahms's Profound Masterpiece

Eureka, CA — The Eureka Symphony invites the community to an evening of reflection, remembrance, and renewal with A Requiem for Humanity, featuring Johannes Brahms's *Ein Deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem)*. Performances will take place Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, located at 412 G Street in downtown Eureka. This concert is sponsored by Carter House Inns in Eureka.

Brahms's luminous work was not composed as a traditional mass for the dead but as a source of comfort for the living, exploring themes of grief, love, and the enduring human spirit.

"I chose A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms not only for its profoundly human perspective on loss, resilience and renewal, but for the distinctive beauty of Brahms's musical voice," said Carol Jacobson, Eureka Symphony's Conductor and Artistic Director. "Through its rich choral textures and deeply expressive lyricism, there is a unique sense of gravity and tenderness that feels both timeless and personal. It invites performers and listeners alike into a space of reflection where the music becomes a way to process grief and rediscover hope together."

The orchestra is joined by acclaimed soprano Lucy Fitz Gibbon and sumptuous baritone Daniel Cilli. The Eureka Symphony Chorus, under the leadership of Choral Master David Powell, brings Brahms's words to heartfelt life. The chorus is composed of about 50 accomplished community members who have been rehearsing weekly since January.

Tickets range from $21 to $54 and are available exclusively through the Eureka Symphony's website at www.eurekasymphony.org/requiem or by calling (707) 845-3655. Patrons are encouraged to purchase directly from the official website to avoid third-party scams.

Families are especially welcome: with every adult ticket purchased, up to two children under 12 are admitted free. Special rates are also available for student groups. For those seeking last-minute options, RUSH tickets will be sold at the door after 6:00 p.m. on concert evenings for $15, or $10 with a valid student ID. These tickets are cash-only and offer the best available seating.

To deepen enjoyment, Eureka Symphony offers two ways to prepare for the concert, **Musical Notes** and **Live & Local Pre-Concert Talks.**

Audience members can deepen their appreciation of the performance by attending **Musical Notes**, a free pre-concert talk held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. before the concert. Hosted by Concertmaster Terrie Baune and pianist John Chernoff, these engaging and informal sessions provide fascinating insights into the music, composers, and historical context. There is no assigned seating for Musical Notes, allowing attendees to explore different vantage points within the Arkley Center before the concert begins. Musical Notes is sponsored by Carol and Wayne Palmer.

For an in-depth look at the program and to gain valuable insights, attend Live & Local Pre-Concert Talks via Zoom on Tuesday, May 26 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Hosted by Elizabeth Morrison, Live & Local is part of an OLLI Special Interest Group sponsored by the Eureka Symphony, and is free to OLLI members.

Transportation

The Eureka Symphony's door-to-door Shuttle Program offers a convenient transportation option for concertgoers who may need assistance getting to the concert. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, May 26, and can be arranged using the Shuttle Sign-Up Form on the concert page.

Concert Summary, see website for more details

- **What:** A Requiem for Humanity
- **When:** Friday, May 29 & Saturday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka
- **Pre-Concert Talks:** Musical Notes at 6:30-7:00 p.m.; Live & Local concert Preview on zoom Tuesday May 26.
- **Door-to-Door Shuttle** available, details on the website
- **Tickets:** $21–$54; RUSH tickets $15 ($10 with student ID) after 6:00 p.m.
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