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**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: CONCERTS FOR YOUTH**

**More than 10,000 area students will learn, laugh,  
and play along with the symphony!**

**What:** Marge Durham Concerts for Youth

**When:** Wednesday, February 18 9:45 & 11:10 a.m. each day  
Thursday, February 19  
Friday, February 20

**Where:** Holland Performing Arts Center 1200 Douglas Street

**RSVP:** **Capture the fun, as local kids learn about the power of music!**  
If you'd like to take photos or record video of a performance, please contact Sarah Brownlee at 402.342.3836 x140 or 402.639.6998 to confirm your attendance.

**Omaha, Neb** – Join the Omaha Symphony and more than 10,000 area elementary students as they participate in **Concerts for Youth**, February 18, 19, and 20 at the Holland Performing Arts Center. The Omaha Symphony Margre Durham Concerts for Youth feature exciting repertoire and interactive activities aimed at exploring the power of music.

This year, each child will get an instrument to play along with the symphony—thanks to a generous donation by Oriental Trading Company. Resident conductor Ernest Richardson will conduct both the Omaha Symphony and the “Toy Symphony” from the stage.

Students will explore music's ability to imitate everyday life, create emotions, and captivate our imaginations. Whether it's joining the orchestra on stage, answering questions from a seat in the audience, or working together to perform a piece of music, these special concerts acknowledge that students learn by doing!

*The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization, which presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through June. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Chamber, Discovery, Casual Classics, West “O” Casual Classics, and Family series concerts, the orchestra tours both Nebraska and Iowa providing education and community engagement concerts and special events. For information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402.342.3560 or visit [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org).*

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