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**Native Nebraskan astronaut to host as**  
**Omaha Symphony explores space!**

**What:**            **The Final Frontier**                      Family Concert  
  
Presented by First National Bank

**When:**           Sunday, March 15      2 PM

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

**Tickets:**        \$7 for children, \$12 for adults; 402.345.0606, 402.342.3560 or  
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**Omaha, Neb** – Get ready to explore infinity and beyond with astronaut Clay Anderson and the Omaha Symphony! Join us as we travel to the Final Frontier—outer space—Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Anderson will host this fun, casual family concert featuring space-themed favorites and thrilling video from NASA.

Astronaut Clay Anderson's ties to Nebraska are as strong as his loyalties to NASA. Born in Omaha, he graduated from high school in Ashland. He received his bachelor degree from Hastings College and his graduate degree in aerospace engineering from Iowa State University. After 15 years in flight design at Johnson Space Center, NASA selected Anderson as a mission specialist. There, he served as a crew support astronaut and a flight engineer.

In 2007, Anderson launched into space aboard Shuttle Atlantis, spending five months at the International Space Station. During his 152-day tour of duty, he performed three spacewalks that lasted 18 hours. He returned aboard Shuttle Discovery. Anderson's next launch is scheduled for February 2010.

Hear music that will transport you (pieces from *Star Trek* and Holst's *The Planets*), while viewing and learning about this dreamy destination from someone who has actually experienced it! It's bound to be an out-of-this-world musical experience for kids of all ages!

*The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through May. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, 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 tickets or information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402.342.3560 or visit [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org)*

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