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PARADISE SYMPHONY ENDS ITS SEASON ON A HIGH NOTE

PARADISE, Calif. – Birds, belles, bel canto, Broadway and bombs – the Paradise Symphony Orchestra offers this and more with “Pops in Paradise.” Experience the excitement of PSO’s final concert of its 48th season at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the Paradise Performing Arts Center.

“This will be the best concert of the year, it really shows how much we have grown and matured throughout this fantastic season,” said Orchestra Conductor Lloyd Roby.

The Paradise High School Ladies’ Chorus and members of the Paradise Youth Symphony Orchestra will join PSO in a performance of Walt Disney tunes including “Chim Chim Cher-ee,” “A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes,” “It’s a Small World” and “Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah.”

Also joining PSO will be Heather Rice, this year’s winner of the Youth Artist Competition. Currently a junior at Chico High School and member of both Chico High’s A capella Choir and Chic, a women’s quartet, she will sing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s “Batti, batti, o bel Masetto” from “Don Giovanni” and “Black Swan” from Gian Carlo Menotti’s opera “The Medium.” Later this year Rice will compete in San Francisco as a finalist in a national competition put on by Classical Singer Magazine.

“It is an honor to be performing with the Paradise Symphony, it has always been a dream of mine to perform with a symphony, and to have my goal become a reality while I’m still in high school makes it more special to me,” Rice said.

From its opening, with Gioacchino Rossini’s “La Gazza Ladra,” until its closing with Broadway’s “The Phantom of the Opera” overture and Tchaikovsky’s universally popular “1812 Overture,” this spectacular concert should not be missed.

Tickets for “Pops in Paradise” are on sale now and are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 12-18 and free for children 11 and younger. They are available at the Paradise Performing Arts Center Box Office, the Senior Center and Fir Street Gallery in Paradise. Tickets can also be purchased in Magalia at Whisker Pines and

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in Chico at The Music Connection. For any questions regarding the concert and ticket sales, please call the PPAC Box Office at (530) 872-8454.

Paradise Symphony Orchestra is in its 48th year and presents four concerts each season. Its goals are to operate a symphony that will culturally enrich the people of Paradise and neighboring communities, to uphold the tradition of instrumental music and create an appreciation for the arts. This concert is the final concert of this year's season.

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**WORLD-RENOWNED SOPRANO PERFORMS WITH
PARADISE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

PARADISE, Calif. –"Opera Highlights" will fill the air at 3:30 p.m. March 18 at the Paradise Performing Arts Center. Fresh off its concert success with Sontraud Speidel, the Paradise Symphony Orchestra welcomes another excellent musician: Kathryn Chilcote, D.M.A.

Chilcote's guest appearance has been much anticipated by Paradise Symphony Orchestra, said Lloyd Roby, the orchestra conductor.

Chilcote is a noted German Lieder and French melodies performer who has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe. She holds both a bachelor's and master's in music from the Conservatory of Music, University of the Pacific, in Stockton, Calif. In 1970, Chilcote was accepted into the opera-training program at l'Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy, and has received her doctorate in vocal performance and pedagogy from the University of Oregon, School of Music, Eugene.

"Not only is she an acclaimed international soprano, she has ties to our local community as well," said Nancy Frye, president of the Paradise Symphony Society. "She is the niece of Paradise's own Madge Ebright, who played with the symphony for many years and is an active guild member and founder of the Strings in Schools program."

"This concert is going to be a spectacle for the eyes and ears," Roby said. "Dr. Chilcote's and the Paradise Symphony's renditions of Giacomo Puccini's heart-touching 'O mio babbino caro,' 'Musetta's Waltz' and 'Chi il bel sogno' will be worth the price of admission alone."

Also performing with Chilcote will be Dave Burdine with the Paradise High School Choir and Sam Gronseth with members of the Paradise Community Chorus. They will be performing "Butterfly's Entrance" from Madame Butterfly and Giuseppe Verdi's "Il santo nome di dio" from La Forza del Destino.

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“Just as thrilling will be Georges Bizet’s blood-stirring ‘Toreodor Song’ from Carmen and Richard Wagner’s bigger than life ‘Pilgrim’s Chorus,’” Roby said.

Tickets for “Opera Highlights and More” are on sale now and are \$15 for adults, \$5 for those ages 12-18 and free for children younger than 11. They are available in Paradise at the Paradise Performing Arts Center Box Office, Senior Center and Fir Street Gallery. You can also purchase them in Magalia at Whisker Pines, and in Chico at The Music Connection. For any questions regarding the concert and ticket sales, please call the PPAC Box Office at (530) 872-8454.

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