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# CALIFORNIA POPS ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES 28TH SEASON AND NEW PERFORMANCE LOCATION

(5 AUGUST 2016, Palo Alto, CA) - California Pops Orchestra, the country's only all-request pops orchestra, has announced its 28<sup>th</sup> performance season as well as a move to Cupertino's **Flint Center**. Conductor Kim Venaas and the talented and experienced members of the Orchestra return to bring audiences six showstopping performances, adding their signature comedy, audience engagement, and surprise elements to the mix. The new season runs **September 25, 2016 through May 21, 2017**. All performances are held at Flint Center at De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd in Cupertino. For subscriptions (\$111-312) and individual tickets (\$20-55, standard ticket service fees apply), the public can visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/lin3sm> or call **(650) 856-8432**.

“We're very excited about the move to the Flint Center,” said Venaas. “It's a wonderful space - large, modern, and the acoustics are marvelous. It wasn't hard to make the

decision to move to Flint. Many times in the past, we sold out our shows and had to turn away 400-600 folks and that just broke our hearts. At Flint we have room to keep growing and be able to introduce a much bigger audience to this great music. And since we're an all-request orchestra, the bigger the audience, the more requests we get, the more surprising our programming gets!”

The season opens with **Swing! Swing! Swing! Big Band Tribute**, Sunday, September 25, at 3:00pm. The 60-piece California Pops Orchestra joins forces with the Black Tie Jazz Band to bring back the greatest hits of the Big Band era, including blockbuster tunes from famous Big Band composers and band leaders such as Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Harry James and more. The excitement inherent in big band music is amplified by combining the big band sound with a full entertainment symphony, creating a rare and thrilling experience for listeners.

Next up is **Hollywood or Bust!**, Sunday, November 20, at 3:00pm. Patrons of all ages will recognize famous music from their favorite movies in this special concert. Whether laughing, crying, loving, or riding off into the sunset, the greatest music and memories from Hollywood's Silver Screen are given center stage in this tribute to movie magic. From swashbuckling adventures and science fiction blockbusters of today, to classic Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers movies and sweeping romantic epics of yesterday, the California Pops performs the famous works of Hollywood's finest composers: Henry Mancini, Elmer Bernstein, Danny Elfman, James Horner, John Williams and many more.

Celebrate the holidays as only the Pops can with **Pops' Family Christmas**, Sunday, December 18, at 3:00pm. The annual Christmas show full of sleigh bells, musical memories, toy trumpets, and good cheer, features holiday hits from Broadway, TV, Big Band, and Hollywood, as well as traditional Christmas favorites and a carol-sing-along. Children are often delighted to be included in the Pops fun, especially during the holidays. The warm and friendly feeling that's present in every Pops concert makes the holiday show feel like spending time with the great big extended Pops family.

The New Year begins with **Magical Broadway Hits**, Sunday, February 12, at 3:00pm. Decades of Broadway hits are brought to life: everything from surreys with fringes - to guys with dolls - and even phantoms with operas! The Pops delivers an afternoon full of Tony Award-winning, spotlight-stealing songs and Broadway musical stylings of Rodgers & Hammerstein, Rodgers & Hart, Jerome Kern, Jerry Herman, Lerner & Loewe, Meredith Willson, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and more!

**Gold Standards: Gershwin, Porter, Berlin, and Friends** takes the stage on Sunday, April 2, at 3:00pm to perform songs from the Great American Songbook. These are the songs everyone knows: classic, timeless melodies with lyrics guaranteed to make people smile. California Pops performs some of the greatest popular songs – the gold standards to which all others aspire – by Irving Berlin, George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Harold Arlen, Cab Calloway, and many more.

The season concludes with **Best of the Pops** on Sunday, May 21, at 3:00pm. After a season of all-request performances, the California Pops Orchestra presents their season finale, the best of ALL requests from 28 seasons of California Pops shows. There'll be music from movies, Big Band, TV comedy, Broadway, cartoons and more. Presented with the Pops signature fun-loving charm, this last show promises to surprise, endear, excite, inspire, and fill hearts with the joy of music.

**California Pops Orchestra** has spent nearly three decades proving that orchestral performances by highly trained and talented musicians do not have to be stuffy affairs! The Pops includes many of the Bay Area's leading musicians with training from very distinguished conservatories including Oberlin, Julliard, and the Eastman School of Music. The Pops also draws from talented musicians who also happen to be scientists, educators, engineers, marketers, technology leaders, and other highly creative individuals. This diversity in background plus a single-minded purpose makes the Pops a delight to play with and a never-ending source of ideas, inspiration, and humor. California Pops Orchestra's musicians and featured guests bring fun, family-friendly shows to the live stage with selections from the full range of the popular music repertoire. Every one of the Pops

performers love the music of Broadway musicals, television, Hollywood movies, jazz, pop, comic novelties, and big band. This popular music is often scored for a unique set of instruments found in movie and recording studios but not in classical symphony orchestras: so concerts often include flugelhorn, a saxophone section, harmonicas, congas, whips, theramins, accordions, and other colorful instruments. For more information, visit [www.californiapops.org](http://www.californiapops.org).

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