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VINA ROBLES PRESENTS SYMPHONY AT SUNSET AN EVENING OF AMERICANA FAMILY POPS UNDER THE STARS

Paso Robles, CA — The Vina Robles Amphitheatre is proud to present SYMPHONY AT SUNSET, featuring The Opera San Luis Obispo Grand Orchestra and Chorus led by Brian Asher Alhadeff, for a spectacular sunset pops concert under the stars. The diverse program will showcase popular music from Leroy Anderson, John Philip Sousa and Henry Mancini to Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson. Current hits from Disney and Hollywood along with Americana favorites such as America The Beautiful will round out the program. Featured soloists include Babatunde Akinboboye, April Amante, Deanna Delore, and Paul Osborne. The family-friendly performance will be held at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and go on sale Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Called the "Maestro of the Central Coast" by *805 Living* magazine, **Brian Asher Alhadeff** is an internationally recognized opera, ballet and symphonic conductor. He is the Artistic Director for Opera San Luis Obispo (OperaSLO), as well as the Principal Conductor for the Civic Ballet San Luis Obispo and State Street Ballet Santa Barbara. Alhadeff studied conducting at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, MD and the Janacek Academy in Brno, Czech Republic.

A singer of diverse talents, Nigerian American baritone **Babatunde Akinboboye** has been acclaimed for his leading role performances in *Madama Butterfly* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*. He will return this October to perform the role of Schaunard in OperaSLO's production of *La Boheme*.

April Amante is a Southern California based soprano who has been a regular with OperaSLO since her 2011 debut in *Broadway by the Sea*. Roles in *The Magic Flute* and *Carmen* followed as well as a featured performance with the Lompoc Pops Orchestra. April graduated Magna Cum Laude from CSU Northridge with a Bachelor of Music degree.

A superb vocalist with an eclectic mix of styles, classically trained **Deanna Delore** also thrives in Broadway and Cabaret music. Deanna has worked with Café Musique and had been a featured vocalist for the Lompoc Pops Orchestra. She holds degrees from Chapman University and the University of LaVerne.

Paul Osborne has been a choral director, tenor soloist and composer/arranger on the Central Coast since 2006. He was section leader of the Concordia College Choir in Moorhead, MN prior to becoming choral director at SLO High School from 2007 until 2012. Paul lives in Atascadero with his wife Katrina.

Founded in 1985, **Opera San Luis Obispo** is the only professional opera company in San Luis Obispo County. OperaSLO offers a variety of productions featuring rising singers from SLO County and all over the country, plus local performers for orchestra and chorus. There is something for everyone who enjoys the unity of good theater and music, the essence of opera.

Come out and join Vina Robles and OperaSLO for a spectacular night of music under the stars – SYMPHONY AT SUNSET – featuring a diverse program of classical and modern pops at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre on Sunday, July 31. This is a general admission show with all tickets priced at \$25.00, plus applicable service charges. The Vina Robles Amphitheatre is located at 3800 Mill Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446, 805-286-3680.

SUNDAY, JULY 31 - 7:00 P.M.

TICKETS GO ON SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 30 AT 10:00 A.M.

Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets including Boo Boo Records in San Luis Obispo as well as the Vina Robles Amphitheatre box office. The Vina Robles Amphitheatre box office is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To charge by phone please call 800-745-3000 or order online at www.ticketmaster.com.

About Vina Robles Entertainment: Vina Robles Entertainment provides high quality, live entertainment experiences for California's Central Coast and Central Valley communities at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre in Paso Robles. This premier 3,300-seat outdoor venue, nestled on an oak-dotted hillside in the heart of wine country, offers an intimate concert setting with modern amenities and first class hospitality. Featuring events to all segments of the population, Vina Robles Entertainment supports the arts and entertainment programming in the area. Visit www.vinaroblesamphitheatre.com for more information.

About Vina Robles Vineyards & Winery: European Inspiration – California Character. Vina Robles crafts wines that represent a bridge between the Old and New worlds, capturing the finesse associated with European wines while celebrating the bold flavors of their estate vineyards in Paso Robles. Here, they unite the best of both experiences by bringing their Swiss heritage to California's Central Coast. Visit www.vinarobles.com for more information.

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