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The Snowman (animated film) Returns for Another Year of Holiday Magic

Union Bank & Trust LolliPops Concert

Saturday, November 25 – I Iam (pre-concert festival at 10am)

Carpenter Theatre, Dominion Arts Center

November 13, 2017 – Richmond, Virginia Create a holiday tradition the whole family will love when you join us for the Academy Award-winning movie *The Snowman* on Saturday, November 25th at I Iam. This delightful animated film follows the story of a young boy and his enchanting friendship with a snowman, while the Richmond Symphony performs Howard Blake's original score. You will also hear a fantastic selection of holiday favorites including pieces from *The Nutcracker* and *The Polar Express* during the program. The concert will be led by Music Director Steven Smith and held at the Dominion Arts Center's Carpenter Theatre.

Arrive early for a fun pre-concert festival beginning at 10am in Rhythm Hall. Festival activities include the popular instrument petting zoo, crafts provided by the Children's Museum of Richmond, and more.

We will also be "stuffing the bus" with canned soup, oatmeal, and hot cereal donations for FeedMore during this concert! The stuffing will commence at 10am during the pre-concert festival. Each food donation enters you to win free tickets to a Richmond Symphony concert. Our food donation drive benefitting FeedMore is made possible through our partnerships with Union Bank & Trust, the YMCA of Greater Richmond, and the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU.

Union Bank & Trust LolliPops concerts are Sensory-Friendly and designed to create a performance experience where all audiences are welcome, including those with autism or other sensory sensitivities. More information at www.richmondsymphony.com.

Tickets are \$10 for children and \$20 for adults online at <u>richmondsymphony.com</u> or by calling 1.800.514.ETIX.

The LolliPops Series is sponsored by Union Bank & Trust. The pre-concert festival is sponsored by Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. The media sponsor is Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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About the Richmond Symphony

Kicking off its 60th Anniversary Season in September 2017, the Richmond Symphony is the largest performing arts organization in Central Virginia. The organization includes an orchestra of more than 70 professional musicians, the 150-voice Richmond Symphony Chorus and more than 260 students in the Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra programs. Each season, more than 200,000 members of the community enjoy live concerts and radio broadcasts. The Symphony also provides educational outreach programs to over 55,000 students and teachers each year. The Symphony was recently named one of 21

American orchestras selected as a leader in orchestra innovation by the League of American Orchestras through its Futures Fund Initiative. The Richmond Symphony is partially funded by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Visit www.richmondsymphony.com.

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