

## **Press Release**

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### **The Boeing Company Enables Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Heritage Museum to Combine Art, History, and Music for an Extraordinary Experience**

The Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra (NFSO), and the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida have been awarded a grant from The Boeing Company for a partnership performance on Friday, February 23 at Okaloosa Walton Arts College at 7:30 p.m. at the Arts Center of Okaloosa Walton College (OWC).

Boggy Portraits is a new work by Jeremy Ribando, composer and OWC music faculty member. The composition celebrates this year's 20<sup>th</sup> season of the NFSO along with Emerald Coast history. Concerto competition winners will also perform in the program.

The composition for full orchestra will be performed with projected images of historic photographs selected from the Heritage Museum's collection and 2005 publication "Boggy Bayou: Around Niceville and Valparaiso."

The NFSO, under the direction of conductor Lois Van Dam, will perform two concerts for the fifth grade classes of Okaloosa and Walton Counties during the day. Over 3,000 fifth graders will benefit from this unique experience!

Tickets for the evening performance are available to the public at the OWC Arts Center box office, (850) 729-6000.

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