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NEVADA POPS ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 SEASON

LAS VEGAS, August 5, 2009 — Nevada Pops announces its 2009-2010 season—the first full season for the year-old organization. Three concerts comprise the subscription series and are joined by three special events.

“Under the Lights” will open the season on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall on UNLV’s campus. The Hot Club of Las Vegas will be featured and perform its popular gypsy jazz music. Scott Holshouser, the Houston Symphony’s principal pianist, will be featured on Gershwin’s original “Rhapsody in Blue.”

“Tricks and Treats” will be on Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., also at Ham Hall. This concert will include music from the popular book-to-movie “Twilight,” along with tunes from “The Phantom of the Opera,” and the Tony Award-winning musical “Wicked.” An all-ages costume contest will take place during the performance, along with safe trick-or-treating following the concert.

“Guy Movies” will be on Friday, March 12, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at Ham Hall. This concert will feature music from “Star Trek,” “The Hunt for Red October,” “Gladiator,” and “Apocalypse Now.”

“Our goal is always to have something for everyone,” says Dr. Richard McGee, music director and conductor of Nevada Pops. “This season illustrates our commitment to musical diversity, along with our commitment to keeping ticket prices low.”

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Nevada Pops' first special event, "March for Music," will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at Henderson Pavilion. This concert is in partnership with the Clark County School District's instrument donation program, and will feature everything from classic Sousa marches to Broadway favorites.

On Monday, December 7, 2009, Nevada Pops joins the Desert Chorale for "A Celebration of Christmas." The Pops joins the Desert Chorale again on May 28, 2010, for its annual "Memorial Day Extravaganza." Both concerts are at 7:30 p.m. at Ham Hall, and admission to both is free.

Season tickets for "Under the Lights," "Tricks and Treats," and "Guy Movies," are \$50 for adults and \$39 for students, seniors and military. Single tickets are \$18 for adults and \$14 for students, seniors and military. Tickets can be purchased through the UNLV Performing Arts Center Box Office at 702.895.2787. Tickets for "March for Music" are \$10, and can be purchased at 702.267.4849.

Nevada Pops once again partners with the Clark County School District for each of its concerts to help get more instruments into the city's music classrooms. Each person who brings a musical instrument to donate to CCSD to any of Nevada Pops' concerts will receive a free ticket.

Nevada Pops is a non-profit arts organization that seeks to bring affordable, family-friendly symphonic concerts to the communities of Southern Nevada. The Pops comprises a core of up to 50 musicians, allowing the group more flexibility than traditional bands and orchestras to perform programs scored for smaller ensembles and play in more intimate venues. The organization strives to appeal to those unfamiliar with traditional orchestral literature by performing Broadway classics, film favorites and jazz standards—pieces audiences know and love—while introducing the cornerstone works that preceded these genres.

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