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## **NMSO Postpones Pops Concerts on Oct. 24 and Classics Concerts on Oct. 30- Nov. 1**

### ***Negotiations with musicians' union continue***

**(ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Oct. 16, 2009)** – The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra (NMSO) is postponing its Halloween Pops program, previously scheduled for Oct. 24, and N-M-S-Opera!, previously scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 30-Nov. 1, since NMSO administration and its musicians' union have not yet reached agreement.

"The musicians' union rejected our last offer, and we are returning to the negotiating table," said Eric Meyer, NMSO president and CEO. "We share our patrons' frustration in the delay of our season and hope that by continuing to talk with the musicians we can reach understanding and agreement."

Both programs have been postponed until a later date, but may be cancelled if alternate performance dates in the spring cannot be found.

For answers to questions about the ongoing negotiations with the musicians' union, please see the Frequently Asked Questions at [NMSO.org](http://NMSO.org). This FAQ may be accessed from a link on the homepage.

### **Instructions for Ticket Holders**

At this time, NMSO patrons with tickets for one of the postponed concerts should keep their tickets because they will be valid for the rescheduled concert. If ticket holders are unable to attend on a rescheduled date, they may exchange the tickets for another concert, or the NMSO can provide a ticket voucher, valid for two years, for the full ticket value. If the ticket is part of a subscription package, the NMSO can provide a ticket voucher, valid for two years, for the prorated portion of the subscription. Ticket refunds are also an option, although the NMSO urges patrons to opt for exchanges.

### **About the NMSO**

The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra is the official orchestra of the State of New Mexico, serving over 130,000 people each year through its Classics, Pops and Symphony Under the Stars series, as well as

many free NMSO Family Concerts. The NMSO is the largest non-governmental provider of music education in New Mexico and has also been recognized by the Mellon Foundation for its innovative community engagement efforts. The NMSO is under the baton of Music Director Guillermo Figueroa and Resident Conductor and Chorus Director Roger Melone.

For more information about the NMSO, visit [nmso.org](http://nmso.org).

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