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## **The Omaha Symphony joins ConAgra Foods to “Shine the Light on Hunger” this holiday season**

**Omaha, Neb** – In the spirit of giving, the Omaha Symphony has joined forces with ConAgra Foods to “Shine the Light on Hunger” and benefit the Nebraska Food Bank Network, Inc. this holiday season.

Beginning Monday, November 26, and running through Friday, December 14, patrons are encouraged to bring their canned food items to the Omaha Symphony Ticket Office, 1605 Howard Street, Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM. With their food donation, they will be entitled to receive a \$5 discount on each ticket they purchase to “Christmas with the Symphony,” December 14 – 16, at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

Donations will also be accepted before all four performances of “Christmas with the Symphony” at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

“Christmas with the Symphony” features traditional holiday music along with some hot Broadway songs presented with *new* holiday lyrics. Some of the featured songs include, “Sleigh Ride,” “O Holy Night,” “Hot Chocolate” and “Believe” from *The Polar Express*, “The Prayer,” “O Tannenbaum,” and “Timeless to Me” from *Hairspray*. Local TV personality Dave Webber returns this year – along with three talented vocalists straight from Broadway – Ted Keagan, Betsy Wolf, and Gwendolyn Jones. Broadway choreographer and dancer Darren Lee also brings his talents to the production, along with dancers from Omaha Theater Ballet.

The program will include the ever-popular audience sing-along and the beloved tap-dancing Santas. In addition, the Holland Performing Arts Center will be transformed into an

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enchanting holiday wonderland – complete with real reindeer – creating a total Christmas experience for families and children of all ages.

Single tickets for “Christmas with the Symphony” range from \$15 to \$80. For more information, visit [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org) or call 402.342-3560.

*The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through June. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Chamber, Discovery, Casual Classics, West “O” Casual Classics, and Family series concerts, the orchestra tours both Nebraska and Iowa providing education and community engagement concerts and special events. For tickets or information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402.342.3560 or visit [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org).*

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