

LCSO concert to put breast cancer in spotlight

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LaPORTE — LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra will present “Symphonic Scenes: Sibelius, Pictures & Pink!” at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Elston Middle School’s theater, 1210 Spring St.

The concert, with conductor Philip Bauman at the helm, is sponsored by The La Porte Regional Health System Center for Cancer Therapy.

Valparaiso University professor Gregory Maytan will perform Jean Sibelius’ “Violin Concerto,” which will be dedicated to longtime LCSO founders and patrons Jack and Mary Utley, who have provided donations to the orchestra through the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County.

The “pink” aspect of the concert celebrates stories of hope and friendship amid seeking a cure for cancer.

Nikia Hammonds-Blakely, formerly of Michigan City, will arrive from Texas to share her voice and story through support from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. She will sing “I Promise,” an original ballad that honors those who have faced breast cancer.

The concert’s second half is Modeste Mussorgsky’s “Pictures at an Exhibition,” which explores an artist’s imagination. The symphony will perform while a visual art display is shown, including artwork from Thaddeus C. Gallery and the Lubeznik Center for the Arts.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors 65 and older and free for students and children. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling (219) 362-9020 or visiting www.LCSO.net.