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Smokey Robinson to headline Omaha Symphony Gala  
*VIP tickets available now; Concert-only tickets go on sale February 20 to the public*

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 1, 2017- The Omaha Symphony announced today that the legendary Smokey Robinson will headline the symphony's annual Gala concert on Saturday, April 22, 8 p.m., at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

The Omaha Symphony Gala raises funds to support the symphony's community engagement activities, including education programs that serve nearly 30,000 children each year.

Tickets to a pre-concert gala dinner with VIP concert seating are available now through the Omaha Symphony's administrative offices. Tickets to the concert only will go on sale through Ticket Omaha to Omaha Symphony subscribers on Monday, February 6. Remaining tickets will be available for sale to the public on February 20.

With his eternally smooth and instantly recognizable falsetto voice, singer, songwriter and producer Smokey Robinson was once pronounced by Bob Dylan as America's "greatest living poet" in a career that spans over four decades of hits. As founder of The Miracles, he helped establish the Motown Record dynasty, with hits like "Shop Around," "You've Really Got a Hold on Me," "The Tracks of My Tears," "More Love," "Tears of a Clown," and "I Second That Emotion." He also wrote and produced hits for other Motown greats including The Temptations, Mary Wells, Brenda Holloway, and Marvin Gaye, with songs like "The Way You Do the Things You Do," "My Girl," "Get Ready," "Don't Mess with Bill," and "My Guy."

As a solo artist, Robinson is known for "Just to See Her," "Quiet Storm," "Cruisin'," and "Being with You." Robinson has received numerous awards including the Grammy Living Legend Award, NARAS Lifetime Achievement Award, Kennedy Center Honors, and the National Medal of Arts Award from the President of the United States. He has also been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Songwriters' Hall of Fame.

In addition to supporting the orchestra's mission to enrich people's lives through music, the Omaha Symphony's annual gala evening also serves to honor those who support the arts in our community. This year's Honorary gala chairs are Carmen and John Gottschalk. They will present the 2017 Dick and Mary Holland Leadership Award to Pat and Dick Bell.

The gala tickets are available now through the symphony's administrative offices are \$500 and include valet parking, cocktail hour, dinner, and VIP seating at the concert. Please call 402.661.8575 for more information.

Concert-only tickets start at \$39 and will be made available first to current Omaha Symphony subscribers on February 6 through Ticket Omaha at 402.345.0606. Remaining tickets will go on sale to the public on February 20.

*The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 100 live orchestral performances from September through June. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, Movie Music, Symphony Joslyn, and Family series concerts, the Omaha Symphony's nationally recognized education programs touch the lives of nearly 30,000 schoolchildren each year. For tickets or information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402.345.0606 or visit [omahasymphony.org](http://omahasymphony.org).*

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