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MOSC event features musical couple

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The sweet sounds of the holidays come early in December with the Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale's Sounds of the Season concert that features the Symphony Orchestra, joined by the Symphony Chorale, Voices of the Permian Basin, Lone Star Brass, Permian Basin String Quartet, West Texas Winds, and featuring vocalists Eric and Emily Baker.

The show features the Bakers.

>> Eric Baker grew up in Fort Worth and earned his B.M. in music education from the University of Texas at Arlington. He was a member of The Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps for three years (2000, 2002, 2003). He then earned his master's in trumpet performance from Arizona State University where he studied with internationally renowned trumpet soloist and pedagogue, David Hickman. He moved to Odessa in 2006 to begin his tenure as co-principal trumpet with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. He also performs with the Lone Star Brass Quintet, Moonlight Serenade Big Band, JazzBird and The Jazz Café. He free-lances all over West Texas, and is a highly sought-after marching band clinician and private teacher.

In 2007 he was invited to be a featured soloist at the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle. In 2010, he was a semi-finalist for the National Young Artists Competition, and in 2011 he performed as soloist with the

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- >> What: Sounds of the Season.
- >> When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3.
- >> Where: The Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.
- >> Tickets: ti.nyurl.com/olp99gj

Midland-Odessa Symphony. He was appointed to the position of director of bands at Odessa College in 2009 where he conducts the Concert, Jazz and Athletic bands, and serves as Chair of the Department of Music and Drama. His wife, Emily is the director of the MOSC Voices of the Permian Basin Youth Choir. They have three daughters, Piper, Keller and Harper.

>> Emily Baker grew up in Azle and received her B.M. in Music Education from the University of Texas at Arlington. Upon graduating, she taught elementary music at Zaharis Elementary in Mesa. In her second year of teaching, Mrs. Baker was asked to assist a veteran teacher in revising the elementary music curriculum for Mesa Public Schools, the largest school district in the state of Arizona. Mrs. Baker and her husband Eric came to the Permian Basin in July 2006, where Ms. Baker served as the assistant choir director at Bonham Junior High for one year and as the General Music teacher at Hays Magnet Academy for two years. In 2009, Mrs. Baker resigned her full time teaching position to stay at home with her three girls, Piper, Keller and Harper. In addition to directing the Voices of the Permian Basin Youth Choir for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, she sings regularly with The Jumping Giants and teaches 4th — 6th grade music on Fridays at Midland Classical Academy.



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Musicians Eric & Emily Baker will perform Dec. 3 in Sounds of the Season. The sweet sounds of the holidays come early in December with the Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale's Sounds of the Season concert that features the Symphony Orchestra, joined by the Symphony Chorale, Voices of the Permian Basin, Lone Star Brass, Permian Basin String Quartet, West Texas Winds, and featuring vocalists Eric and Emily Baker.

