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Actor Chris Cooper to narrate Kennedy program at Pops concert

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Academy Award winner Chris Cooper

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CAPE COD — Academy Award-winning actor Chris Cooper will give life to the words of John, Robert, and Edward Kennedy when he joins conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra for one of the first performances of "The Dream Lives On: A Portrait of the Kennedy Brothers."

The special performance will take place at the TD Bank Pops by the Sea concert on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 5 p.m. on the Hyannis Village Green.

"The Dream Lives On" was composed by Peter Boyer with Tony Award-winning lyricist Lynn Ahrens and was commissioned by Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops.

This new work combines quotes from speeches by the Kennedy brothers with original text and video, accompanied by a dramatic orchestral and choral score. It pays tribute to the achievements and spirit of the Kennedy brothers - the call to public service, drive for social change, and the legacy of optimism for America's future. The title of the work was taken from the closing lines of Ted Kennedy's speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

"The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod is honored to be a part of the inaugural readings of the "The Dream Lives On: A Portrait of the Kennedy Brothers" said Margaret Van Sciver, president of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod. "Chris Cooper's body of work is unparalleled; and this performance will further enhance his critical acclaim. We are also thrilled to have Tony-winner Idina Menzel, and a special guest conductor to be announced soon, accompanying Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops for our 25th edition of this premier regional event," she said.

Chris Cooper was awarded an Academy Award and a Golden Globe Award for best supporting actor for his performance in "Adaptation," co-starring Meryl Streep and Nicholas Cage and directed by Spike Jonze. Cooper's extensive film credits include "The Kingdom," "Capote," "Jarhead," "Syriana," "The Patriot," "Me, Myself and Irene," "American Beauty," "October Sky," "The Horse Whisperer," "Guilty by Suspicion," "City of Hope," "Silver City," "Sea Biscuit," "Bourne Identity" and "The Bourne Supremacy."

To purchase tickets and for more information about the 25th Anniversary TD Bank Pops by the Sea concert please visit www.artsfoundation.org or call the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod at 508-362-0066.

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