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NEWS RELEASE

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SRS Youth Orchestra March 15 Concert Features Winners of Concerto Competition

(SANTA ROSA, CA)—The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra's Winter Concert will showcase the winners of its 4th annual Concerto Competition at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2009. The concert venue is Sonoma Country Day School's Jackson Theater; Dr. Richard Loheyde will conduct. This concert also celebrates the 50th season of the SRSYO and their European Tour in June.

Out of the 68 musicians in the Youth Orchestra, 14 entered the competition, which was judged by Eugene Shepherd, founding conductor of the Junior Symphony (now the Youth Orchestra), Melanie Webster, violin instructor, and Andy Collingsworth (SSU band director).

Cash prizes were awarded to the following Concerto Competition winners, all home-schooled students who live in Santa Rosa: Anne Rodier, 17, violinist and concertmaster of the SRS Youth Orchestra; Marissa Zieminski, 15; and her brother, Tim Zieminski, 17.

On the program are Saint-Saens' Concerto No. 3, featuring Mr. Zieminski on violin, *Hungarian Pastoral Fantasy* by Doppler, featuring Ms. Zieminski on flute and Wieniawski's *Scherzo-Tarantelle* featuring Ms. Rodier on violin. The Youth Orchestra will also perform Dvorak's "New World" Symphony.

Admission to the Concerto Competition Winners Concert is \$10 for students & seniors and \$12 for adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Santa Rosa Symphony Box Office: (707) 54-MUSIC, online www.santarosasympphony.com, or at the door.

CALENDAR LISTING:

Heading: Classical

Who: Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra, Dr. Richard Loheyde, conductor

Date and Time: Sunday, March 15, 2009, 3 p.m.

What: Concerto Competition Winners Concert

Venue: Jackson Theater, Sonoma Country Day School, 4400 Day School Place, Santa Rosa

Cost: \$10 seniors/student; \$12 adult

Tickets: www.santarosasympphony.com or (707) 54-MUSIC [546-8742]

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