

NEWS RELEASE

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June 7 Bon Voyage Concert Celebrates Youth Orchestra's 50th Anniversary and European Tour

(SANTA ROSA, CA) —The Santa Rosa Symphony's Youth Orchestra (YO) conducted by Dr. Richard Loheyde, presents its Bon Voyage Concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, at the Jackson Theater, Sonoma Country Day School. The 67-member pre-professional orchestra is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a trip to Europe from June 17-25, 2009. The concert features music which the young musicians will play in Prague (St. Saviour's Church), Leipzig (in the Festsaal) and in Berlin (a joint concert with the Potsdam Youth Orchestra in the Grunewaldekirche, "Green Forest Church"). The repertoire consists of Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture*, Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*, and Josef Suk's *Toward a New Life*.

In honor of the Golden Anniversary, members of the Youth Orchestra have invited alumni of the SRS Junior Symphony (the original name of the YO) and alumni of the Youth Orchestra to join them on stage in playing the Suk piece. Founding conductor Eugene Shepherd and Junior Symphony Alum Bob Williams will also be featured at the June 7 celebration. Alumni interested in participating should contact Ben Taylor, Youth Ensembles Manager at 546-7097 ext. 220 for more information.

Admission to the Bon Voyage Concert is \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the Santa Rosa Symphony Patron Services Office 54-MUSIC (707-546-8742), online www.santarosasympphony.com, or at the door, subject to availability.

CALENDAR LISTING:

Heading: Classical

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

Date and Time: Sunday, June 7, 3 p.m.

What: Youth Orchestra Bon Voyage Concert

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

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

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