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NEWS RELEASE

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Flurry of Spring Concerts by Santa Rosa Symphony's Youth Ensembles

Young People's Chamber Orchestra performs May 24
Preparatory and Discovery Orchestras perform May 30

(SANTA ROSA, CA)— On Sunday, May 24, the **Young People's Chamber Orchestra**, mentored by their interim director George Thomson, will perform their Spring Concert at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa. The program which begins at 2 p.m. includes *Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 by J.S. Bach, *Capriol Suite* by Peter Warlock and *Adagio for Strings* by Samuel Barber.

The Young People's Chamber Orchestra (YPCO) is a conductorless string ensemble of 19 musicians ranging in age from 9 to 17. It is the first youth ensemble of its kind in northern California, taking the traditional orchestra performance one step further by molding a group of highly-trained string students into a virtuoso ensemble that performs without a conductor. YPCO creates—through performance, education, and accessibility—a personal connection with its audience, and conveys the joy of music directly to its listeners.

On Saturday, May 30, the **Preparatory and Discovery orchestras** present their Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. at Sonoma Country Day School's Jackson Theater. William R. "Bob" Williams, Santa Rosa Symphony violinist and music educator for many years, conducts both ensembles. The **Preparatory Orchestra** (students between the ages of 7 and 13 who have been playing their instruments for at least two years), will perform "Waltz" from *Sleeping Beauty* by Tchaikovsky, *Samson Overture* by Handel, *Little Suite for Orchestra* by Corelli, Mussorgsky's *The Great Gate of Kiev* and more.

Among the works performed by the **Discovery Orchestra** (intermediate to advanced students up to age 18) are *Finlandia* by Sibelius, *Landcaster Overture* by Shear, *Mississippi Suite* by Grofe, Slavonic Dance No. 8 by Dvořák and Holst's "Mars," from *The Planets*.

Admission for all the above end-of-year concerts is \$10 for seniors/students and \$12 for adults. Tickets can be purchased through the Santa Rosa Symphony Patron Services Office (707) 54-MUSIC, online at www.santarosasympphony.com, or at the door, subject to availability.

CALENDAR LISTINGS:

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What: Spring Concert

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