

NEWS RELEASE

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Three Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Ensembles Perform their Winter Concerts

- Young People's Chamber Orchestra January 30, 2010 -

(SANTA ROSA, CA)—Young People's Chamber Orchestra, a conductorless string ensemble of sixteen musicians ranging in age from nine to seventeen, presents its Winter Concert on Saturday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. The performance takes place at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa.

On the program is a Bach Concerto for Two Violins which features several ensemble members as soloists. In addition, the YPCO will play the vivacious Sherzo in D Major by Borodin, the picturesque Don Quixote Suite by Telemann, a Swedish neo-classical work by Wiren, Serenade for String Orchestra, and a Baroque work, Concerto Armonico No. 3 by Wassenaer.

The Young People's Chamber Orchestra (YPCO), established in 1998, is directed and mentored by the group's interim director, George Thomson. Thomson is the former associate conductor of the Berkeley Symphony, and a noted educator, violinist and violist, as well as music director of the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra.

The YPCO 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.

Admission to the YPCO Winter Concert is \$10 for seniors/students and \$12 for adults. Tickets can be purchased through the Santa Rosa Symphony Box Office (707) 54-MUSIC, online at www.santarosasympphony.com, or at the door, subject to availability.

CALENDAR LISTING:

Who: Santa Rosa Symphony Young Peoples Chamber Orchestra, George Thomson, interim director

Date and Time: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

What: Winter Concert

Program: Works by Telemann, Borodin, Wiren and Wassenaer.

Venue: Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

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

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

- Preparatory and Discovery Orchestras February 6, 2010 -

Santa Rosa Symphony's Preparatory and Discovery Orchestras present their Winter Concert on Saturday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Sonoma Country Day School's Jackson Theater. William R. Williams, long-time Symphony violinist and mentor to young musicians, conducts both ensembles. The orchestras perform an ambitious and varied repertoire—sure to bring smiles of delight to the audience.

The **Preparatory Orchestra's February 6 program** consists of the following: Airs from *The Beggar's Opera* by John Gay; *Russian Sailor's Dance* by Reinhold Glière; Mozart's *Two Mozart Melodies*; *Artist's Life* by Johann Strauss; and Haydn's *Haydn Settings*. This orchestra is an entry-level ensemble with a 31-year history of providing rich educational experiences for those who wish to play with a full orchestra. The players increase their knowledge and perform with peers of comparable skill. Students in Preparatory range in age from 7-13, and 22 are enrolled this season.

The **Discovery Orchestra's February program** includes movements from Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolfe*; John Williams' *Raiders of the Lost Ark Medley*; *Academic Festival Overture* by Johannes Brahms; and Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien*. The Discovery Orchestra, established in 1994, is an intermediate-to-advanced level full orchestra for upper elementary, junior high and senior high school students up to 18 years of age. There are 75 players enrolled this season.

Admission to the Prep/Discovery Winter Concert is \$10 for seniors/students and \$12 for adults. Tickets can be purchased through the Santa Rosa Symphony Patron Services Office by calling (707) 54-MUSIC, online at www.santarosasympphony.com, or at the door, subject to availability.

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CALENDAR LISTING:

What: Classical

Who: Santa Rosa Symphony Preparatory and Discovery Orchestras, William R. "Bob" Williams, conductor

Date and Time: Saturday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.

What: Winter Concert

Program: Works by Prokofiev, John Williams, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Haydn and more

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]