

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Jeffrey Kahane performs Oct. 9 at “Russian Rhapsody” Gala to benefit Santa Rosa Symphony**

The Santa Rosa Symphony’s [annual fundraising dinner party](#) and auction is titled “Russian Rhapsody” to evoke the atmosphere of romantic Russia and the vibrancy of the Russian compositions that open the Symphony’s 2009-10 season. Setting a festive mood for the weekend to follow, the black tie gala takes place Friday evening, October 9 at 6 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. [Jeffrey Kahane](#), the Symphony’s Conductor Laureate, will be the guest artist of honor performing a short piano recital following dinner.

Also on the entertainment program, Doug Morton and [Orient Express](#) will play mesmerizing Gypsy music and swing and ballroom tunes for dancing. Wines for the dinner and reception are provided courtesy of Souverain.

Among the auction items are a 13-day Viking River Cruise through Russia’s heartland from Moscow to St. Petersburg on the Volga-Baltic waterways; an executive getaway in New York City; a selection of the Best of Class winners from the Sonoma County Harvest Fair, and much more.

Proceeds from “Russian Rhapsody” support the Symphony’s artistic and educational programs, including the two-part educational focus on Training Young Musicians and Music for Our Schools. SRS maintains four youth orchestras; In-School Performances by professional symphony musicians; a classical music listening program in more than 20 schools; Free Concerts for Youth at Wells Fargo Center (nearly 7,000 in attendance last year); *It’s Elementary* music intensive program for four area public schools; and Keeping Score teacher training.

**Tickets**

Gala tickets are \$200 per person (tax deductible amount \$150), with guests seated at tables of 10.

Call (707) 546-8742, purchase online at [santarosasympphony.com](http://santarosasympphony.com), or come in person to the Symphony Patron Services Office at 50 Santa Rosa Avenue.

—Photos of Jeffrey Kahane and Orient Express are available upon request—

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

**What:** Black Tie Fundraising Dinner and Auction : “Russian Rhapsody”

**Where:** Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

**Who:** Santa Rosa Symphony

**Date and Time:**

Friday, October 9, 2009, 6 p.m.

Black Tie; Wine Reception; No-Host Cocktail Bar

**Entertainment:**

Jeffrey Kahane, piano

Doug Morton and Orient Express

**Cost:** \$200 per person (tax deductible amount \$150)

**Tickets:** Online [santarosasympphony.com](http://santarosasympphony.com), by phone (707) 54-MUSIC [546-8742], or in person at the SRS Patron Services Office, 50 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.