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NEWS RELEASE

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Bruno Ferrandis and Jeffrey Kahane on stage together Oct. 10-12 to open Santa Rosa Symphony's 82nd Season

Oct. 9 Symphony Gala Dinner and Auction features Kahane piano performance

(SANTA ROSA, CA) – Santa Rosa Symphony opens its “Music That Makes A Difference” 2009-2010 season on October 10, 11 and 12 at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. Music Director Bruno Ferrandis and the orchestra offer a program of Russian masters, spotlighting a very special piano soloist, the Symphony’s former music director and now conductor laureate, Jeffrey Kahane. Kahane will perform the formidable Rachmaninoff Third Piano concerto. Also on the program, are Miaskovsky’s *Salutation Overture* and Symphony No. 9 by Shostakovich. Single tickets range from \$28-\$55 and season subscriptions are still available by calling SRS Patron Services at (707) 546-8742.

Jeffrey Kahane noted that the “Rach 3” is the perfect piece to celebrate his SRS musical reunion. “I have played this work many times over the years, and I love it just as passionately now as when I first heard it as a conservatory student in my late teens. It’s a kind of pianistic ‘Everest,’ and there is nothing in the world like the feeling of finally arriving at its joyous and triumphant coda. I’m honored and moved to be coming back to Santa Rosa to play this with my beloved colleagues in the orchestra and with Maestro Ferrandis.”

Besides appearing in many national and international venues as a pianist, Kahane is in his thirteenth season as music director of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, and his fifth season as music director of the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. Under his leadership, both ensembles received 2007 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming. While Kahane was music director of the Santa

Rosa Symphony, he received one of the first MetLife Awards for Excellence in Community Engagement from the League of American Orchestras. In May 2005, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts by Sonoma State University for his services to the Arts and Education.

[Complete bio [here](#)]

In addition to appearing in all four of the Santa Rosa Symphony's opening weekend concerts, Jeffrey Kahane will be the guest artist of honor at the organization's gala, performing a short piano recital following dinner. The "Russian Rhapsody" black tie fundraiser takes place at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club on Friday, October 9 beginning at 6 p.m.

Concert Sponsors

The Santa Rosa Symphony October concert set is underwritten by Norma and Evert Person; guest pianist Jeffrey Kahane is the Ruth Finley Person Memorial Artist.

Get Cued in with Pre-Concert Talks and Online Notes

To hear Maestro Ferrandis' musings on, and insights about, the program, come to "Conversations with the Conductor," a pre-concert talk with Q & A, beginning one hour before each performance (excluding the Saturday Discovery Open Rehearsal). This is an open-seating event that is free to ticket holders. Program Notes for this concert are available at the SRS website and also in PDF format for printing out at your convenience.

Concert Times

Concert times are Saturday, October 10 and Monday, October 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 11 at 3 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, in Santa Rosa. The popular, family-friendly Discovery Series of open rehearsals continues at 2 p.m. on October 10. The Discovery concerts, economically priced at \$10 for adults and \$6 for youth, offer a sneak peek into the final rehearsal process before each concert set.

Tickets

For tickets, call (707) 546-8742, purchase online at santarosasympphony.com, or come in person to the Symphony Patron Services Office at 50 Santa Rosa Avenue (north door entrance, off the elevator lobby), from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased at the door 1½ hours before each performance (based on availability.) Single tickets are \$28-\$55, with student and senior discounts available. \$10 Student Rush tickets (student I.D. required) can be purchased a half hour prior to curtain.

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

CALENDAR LISTING

Heading: Classical

What: Symphony Concert

Who: Santa Rosa Symphony

Bruno Ferrandis, conductor

Jeffrey Kahane, piano

Date and Time:

Sat., Oct. 10, 2009 at 8 p.m.

(Discovery Rehearsal, Sat., Oct. 10 at 2 p.m.)

Sun., Oct. 11, 2009 at 3 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 12, 2009 at 8 p.m.

Program:

MIASKOVSKY: *Salutation Overture*

RACHMANINOFF: Piano Concerto No. 3

SHOSTAKOVICH: Symphony No. 9

Pre-concert talk featuring Bruno Ferrandis and Jeffrey Kahane one hour before each performance (except Discovery Rehearsal).

Venue: Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa, CA

Cost: Single tickets \$28-\$55, with senior and student discounts available.

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