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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Santa Rosa Symphony presents all-Dvorak Program Nov. 7-9**

#### **Rising star cellist Julie Albers makes SRS debut**

(SANTA ROSA, CA) – On November 7, 8, and 9 at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, Bruno Ferrandis and the Santa Rosa Symphony present the most renowned works of composer Antonín Dvořák. The program features his Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*, with its stirring and memorable melodies; the prelude to his opera *Rusalka*; and his Cello Concerto in B minor, a work that requires prodigious virtuosity. Equal to the task is American cellist Julie Albers, who possesses “a dark, burnished sound, dazzling technical facility... and the good taste only exceptional performers possess.”

Single tickets for this second program of the SRS Classical Series range from \$28-\$55.

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#### **About the Soloist**

Julie Albers was awarded the Grand Prize at the XIII International Competition for Young Musicians in Douai, France, and as a result, she toured France as soloist with Orchestre Symphonique de Douai. She made her major orchestral debut with the Cleveland Orchestra in 1998, and has performed in recital and with orchestras in the U.S., Europe, Korea, Taiwan, and New Zealand. In 2001 she won Second Prize in Munich’s Internationalen Musikwettbewerbes der ARD, at which time she was also awarded the Wilhelm-Weichsler-Musikpreis der Stadt Osnabruch. In November 2003, she was named the first gold medal laureate of South Korea’s Gyeongnam International Music Competition, winning

the \$25,000 Grand Prize. In America, Albers has performed with many orchestras and ensembles. In addition to solo performances, Albers regularly participates in chamber music festivals around the world. In the fall of 2006, she began a three-year residency with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Two. She is currently active with the Albers String Trio and the cello quartet, CELLO. [complete bio [here](#)]

### **Concert Sponsors**

The Santa Rosa Symphony November concerts are underwritten by Louise and Don Johnston.

### **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, November 7 and Monday, November 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 10 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 November 7. 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](http://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 and Julie Albers are available upon request—

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

**Heading:** Classical

**What:** Symphony Concert

**Who:** Santa Rosa Symphony

Bruno Ferrandis, conductor

Julie Albers, cello

**Date and Time:**

Sat., Nov. 7, 2009 at 8 p.m.

(Discovery Rehearsal, Sat., Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.)

Sun., Nov. 8, 2009 at 3 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 9, 2009 at 8 p.m.

**Program:**

DVOŘÁK: Prelude to *Rusalka*

DVOŘÁK: Cello Concerto in B minor

DVOŘÁK: *New World Symphony*

Pre-concert talk featuring Bruno Ferrandis and Julie Albers 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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