

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Three Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Ensembles Perform their Spring Concerts**

**- Preparatory Orchestra and Discovery Orchestra May 15 at Jackson Theater -**  
(SANTA ROSA, CA)—Santa Rosa Symphony's Preparatory and Discovery Orchestras present their Spring Concert on Saturday, May 15, 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 May program** consists of the following: Finale from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, arranged by Charles Woodhouse; Bourrée in G Minor from the Second Violin Sonata of J. S. Bach; *Song of Jupiter* by Handel, arranged by Leroy Anderson; and more to be announced. 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 27 are enrolled this season.

The **Discovery Orchestra's May program** begins with *Lincoln Portrait* by Copland narrated by John Henry Bussey. Bussey is a violinist in the Discovery Orchestra who has a passion for theater, public speaking, and debate. The program continues with the Allegro from Horn Concerto No. 1 by Mozart. The soloist, Ryan Anderson, is the principal horn player with the Discovery Orchestra and has also done substitute work in the SRS Youth Orchestra. Performing the Allegro from Vivaldi's Concerto for Four Violins are members of the Chu family: Elizabeth Chu (a Discovery Orchestra violinist), Emily Chu (Discovery and Young People's Chamber Orchestra violinist), Caroline Chu (Youth Orchestra and Young People's Chamber Orchestra violinist), and Karen Leung (their mom!).

Also on the Discovery Orchestra program, are the Overture to *The Dream of Scipione* by Mozart; and the Saint Lawrence Overture by Washburn.

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 84 players enrolled this season.

Admission to the Prep/Discovery Spring 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](http://www.santarosasympphony.com), or at the door, subject to availability.

### **CALENDAR LISTING:**

**Heading:** Classical

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

**Date and Time:** Saturday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

**What:** Winter Concert

**Program:**

Preparatory Orchestra

BEETHOVEN: Finale from the Fifth Symphony, arranged by Charles Woodhouse

J. S. BACH: Bourrée in G Minor from Second Violin Sonata

HANDEL: *Song of Jupiter*, arranged by Leroy Anderson

And more (TBD)

Discovery Orchestra

COPLAND: *Lincoln Portrait*

MOZART: Allegro from Horn Concerto No. 1

MOZART: Overture to *The Dream of Scipione*

VIVALDI: Allegro from *L'Estro Armonico*: Concerto for Four Violins

WASHBURN: Saint Lawrence Overture

**Venue:** Jackson Theater, Sonoma Country Day School, 4400 Day School Place, Santa Rosa.

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

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

### **- Young People's Chamber Orchestra May 22 at Glaser Center**

(SANTA ROSA, CA)—Young People's Chamber Orchestra, a conductorless string ensemble of eighteen musicians ranging in age from ten to seventeen, presents its Spring Concert on Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The performance takes place at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa. On the program is a Telemann concerto for two violas, a Vivaldi concerto for two cellos, and compositions by Britten, Puccini and Still.

The Young People's Chamber Orchestra (YPCO), established in 1998, is directed and mentored by the group's 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.

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](http://www.santarosasympphony.com), or at the door, subject to availability.

**CALENDAR LISTING:**

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

**What:** Spring Concert

**Date and Time:** Saturday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Program:**

TELEMANN: Concerto for two violas

VIVALDI: Concerto for two cellos

BRITTEN: Simple Symphony

PUCCINI: *Crisantemi*

WILLIAM GRANT STILL: *Danzas de Panama*

**Venue:** Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

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

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

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