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Santa Rosa Symphony's 83rd Season opens Oct. 9-11 with lush program of Italian masters

Paganini and Tchaikovsky violin competition winner Dmitri Berlinsky dazzles as guest soloist

(SANTA ROSA, CA) – The Santa Rosa Symphony opens its 2010-11 performance season on October 9, 10 and 11 at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. Music Director Bruno Ferrandis and the orchestra offer a program of Italian composers highlighted by the demanding Paganini Violin Concerto No. 1, performed by the young Russian virtuoso Dmitri Berlinsky. Berlinsky is the youngest winner in the history of the Paganini International Violin Competition and a grand prize winner in the Tchaikovsky International competition. The *New York Times* wrote of this artist: “He brought out the music’s fire,” and the *Albuquerque Journal* called him “a poet of the violin who plays with quiet authority and inner lyricism.” Also on the program are Verdi’s Overture to *The Force of Destiny*, Berio’s *Rendering*, and the beloved *Fountains of Rome* by Respighi.

Maestro Ferrandis promises that the 83rd season of the SRS will be a “musical kaleidoscope, with sparkling, colorful programming representing many parts of the globe, and showcasing the work of living composers as well as the masters of the classical repertoire.”

Get Cued in with Pre-Concert Talks and Online Notes

To hear Ferrandis’ musings on, and insights about, the October 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. [took out the line about Program Notes since they are not posted yet]

Concert Sponsors

Santa Rosa Symphony's October concert set is underwritten by Eileen and Henry Trione. Guest Artist Dmitri Berlinsky is sponsored by Joseph Zils.

Concert Times

Concert times are Saturday, October 9 and Monday, October 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 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 October 9. 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.

Guest Artist Brief Bio

Dmitri Berlinsky has performed in such major venues as Carnegie and Avery Fisher Halls in New York, The Kennedy Center in Washington DC, Tokyo's Suntory Hall, the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, the Leipzig Gewandhaus, the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, the Munich Herkulesaal, the Palais des Beaux Arts in Brussels, the Bonn Beethoven Hall, Le Place des Arts in Montreal, and the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires among others. Since coming to the United States in 1990 as the winner of the renowned Young Concert Artists International Auditions, Berlinsky has performed hundreds of concerts and given recitals in more than forty states throughout the USA.

Born in Petersburg into a family of musicians, Berlinsky began studying the violin with his father. At a very early age he appeared as soloist with the St. Petersburg Symphony and the Moscow Philharmonic. He studied at the Music School for Gifted Children with Lev Ivaschenko, Boris Sergeev and Boris Gutnikov. Later he attended the Moscow Conservatory where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees studying under Victor Tretiakov, Evgeniya Chugaeva and Naum Latinsky. After graduation he was invited to work with Dorothy DeLay and Masao Kawasaki at The Juilliard School. Berlinsky's Pavane CD recital *Live at Waterloo* recorded in Belgium and his latest recording *Souvenir D'un Lieu Cher* on Helicon Records have won critical acclaim.

Complete bio [here](#).

—Photos of Dmitri Berlinsky and Bruno Ferrandis available upon request—

CALENDAR LISTING

Heading: Classical

What: Symphony Concert
Bruno Ferrandis, conductor
Dmitri Berlinsky, violin

Date and Time:

Sat., October 9 at 8 p.m.
(Discovery Rehearsal, Sat., October 9 at 2 p.m.)
Sun., October 10, 2010 at 3 p.m.
Mon., October 11, 2010 at 8 p.m.

Program:

VERDI: Overture to *The Force of Destiny*
PAGANINI: Violin Concerto No. 1
BERIO: *Rendering*
RESPIGHI: *The Fountains of Rome*

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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.

Tickets: Online santarosasympphony.com, by phone 54-MUSIC (707-546-8742) 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.

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