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NEWS RELEASE

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Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Ensembles Perform Winter Concerts

- Young People's Chamber Orchestra February 27 -

(SANTA ROSA, CA)—Young People's Chamber Orchestra, a conductorless string ensemble of 16 musicians ranging in age from 9 to 17, presents its Winter Concert on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The performance takes place at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa. The program includes Bartok's *Rumanian Folk Dances* and *Holberg Suite* by Grieg.

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

The YPCO is the first youth ensemble of its kind in northern California, taking the traditional orchestra performance one step further by molding a group of highly-trained string students into a virtuoso ensemble that performs without a conductor. YPCO creates—through performance, education, and accessibility—a personal connection with its audience, and conveys the joy of music directly to its listeners.

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, or at the door, subject to availability.

CALENDAR LISTING:

What: Classical**Who:** Santa Rosa Symphony Young Peoples Chamber Orchestra, George Thomson, interim director**Date and Time:** Friday, February 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m.**What:** Winter Concert**Venue:** Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa**Cost:** \$10 seniors/student; \$12 adult**Tickets:** www.santarosasympphony.com or SRS Box Office (707) 54-MUSIC [546-8742]

- Preparatory and Discovery Orchestras February 28 -

Santa Rosa Symphony's Preparatory and Discovery Orchestras present their Winter Concert on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at 7:30 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.

For players ranging in age from seven into their teens, the orchestras perform an ambitious and varied repertoire—sure to bring smiles of delight to the audience. The Preparatory Orchestra's program consists of the following: Holfeldt's *Song of the Prairie*, Gounod's *Allegro Pomposo* from St. Cecilia Mass, Pachelbel's *Canon for Orchestra*, and the final theme from Brahms First Symphony.

The Discovery Orchestra's program includes movements from Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* and *The Firebird Suite*, Corelli's *La Folia*, Gay's *The Windsor Melody* and Franck's *Gothic Suite*.

The Preparatory Orchestra, founded in 1977, 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 while increasing their knowledge and performing with peers of comparable skill. Students in Preparatory range in age from 7-14. 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.

Admission to the Prep/Discovery 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, or at the door, subject to availability.

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What: Classical

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

Date and Time: Saturday, February 28, 7:30 p.m.

What: Winter Concert

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

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

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