

NEWS RELEASE

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Music in Remembrance of the Japanese American Internment A Santa Rosa Symphony concert

Sonoma County Taiko partners Symphony in “Festival of Remembrance”

(SANTA ROSA, CA)—Santa Rosa Symphony’s *Festival of Remembrance* is a collaborative community event that encourages audience and performers to examine their understanding of significant cultural/ historical events in light of the evocative music presented on stage. The second concert of the series: **Cause and Consequence: Music in Remembrance of the Japanese American Internment** takes place at Sonoma Country Day School’s Jackson Theater at 8 p.m. on February 20.

The concert date of February 20 is just a day after the official “Day of Remembrance,” which recalls the date in 1942 when Executive Order 9066 required the incarceration of thousands of Japanese Americans. They were sent to 10 different internment camps across the country.

The Santa Rosa Symphony Chamber Players will perform *Quatrain II* by Toru Takemitsu, considered the greatest 20th century Japanese classical music composer, and the work of distinguished living composer, Joji Yuasa, whose *Solitude* was written in memory of Takemitsu. In addition to the SRS Chamber Players, [Sonoma County Taiko](#) will perform, sharing the primal percussive rhythms of their Japanese cultural art form.

As an introduction to the concert, prominent journalist and local historian **Gaye LeBaron** joins in discussion with **Marie Sugiyama** to offer insight and perspective on the California experience of Japanese Americans during WWII. Sugiyama is a local resident who was confined at the Amache internment camp in Colorado.

On display in the Jackson Theater lobby there will be historical photos and artifacts, as well as a documentary film that tells the story of cultural diversity and interdependence between the Japanese American and Caucasian communities in Sonoma County before, during and after the war.

Adult tickets are \$25 and \$32. To reserve, call 54-MUSIC (707-546-8742) or purchase online www.santarosasympphony.com. Because of the educational nature of this concert, there is a special student price of \$10 available by calling 54-MUSIC, or at the door. Tickets at the door are on space-available basis.

Concert Sponsors

This performance is underwritten by the Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League. The Festival of Remembrance series is made possible by a grant from The James Irvine Foundation.

Sonoma County Taiko - Bio

Sonoma County Taiko is a community organization formed in 1995 as a way to explore and express this aspect of Japanese culture in Sonoma County. Taiko is a blend of percussion, martial arts and dance that is able to rouse the senses of the performer and audience. Sonoma County Taiko is a diverse group drawn from all segments of society to form a cohesive team that dynamically performs the exciting art of Taiko.

CALENDAR LISTING

Heading: Classical

What: “Cause and Consequence: Music in Remembrance of the Japanese American Internment”

Who: Santa Rosa Symphony; Sonoma County Taiko

Concert Introduction by: Gaye LeBaron and Marie Sugiyama

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

When: Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 8 p.m.

Program:

TAKEMITSU: Quatrain II

JOJI YUASA: Solitude in Memoriam T.T.

Selections by Sonoma County Taiko

Cost: Single tickets \$25 and \$32. Special student price: \$10

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.

UPCOMING Festival of Remembrance Concert — April 10, 2010.
Music at the Edge of Life: In Remembrance of Jewish Composers Who Perished in the Holocaust

Introduction by Rabbi George Gittleman

Santa Rosa Symphony Chamber Players

HAAS: String Quartet No. 3

SHULHOFF: Concertino

KRASA: Passacaglia and Fugue for Violin, Viola and Cello

ULLMANN: String Quartet No. 3

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