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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Santa Rosa Symphony presents music of opera, ballet and cabaret May 8-10 at Wells Fargo Center for the Arts**

#### **Sublime vocalist Ute Lemper sings Kurt Weill's *Seven Deadly Sins* in season finale**

(SANTA ROSA, CA)—Music Director Bruno Ferrandis is back on the podium May 8, 9 and 10 to conduct the closing concerts of Santa Rosa Symphony's 82<sup>nd</sup> season. Beginning with the Overture to Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, followed by the *Swan Lake Suite* by Tchaikovsky, the program concludes with the seductive, high-wattage presence of Ute Lemper. This extraordinary songstress, considered the world's leading Kurt Weill interpreter, performs the part of Anna in *The Seven Deadly Sins*. The male vocal quartet Hudson Shad acts as the chorus to the character's stormy odyssey.

Maestro Ferrandis, who conducted *Seven Deadly Sins* when he was at Juilliard, says, "This program is grouping together all my musical favorites—opera, ballet, theater—for a great spectacle and strong program for the season finale."

#### **Ute Lemper**

"The world of cabaret can be divided into two distinct categories, Ute Lemper and everyone else," wrote the *Chicago Tribune*. "This German chanteuse broke the sound barrier of sophistication in a show ripe with theatricality. [She is] versatile, emotive, cosmopolitan and with an incredible vocal range," declared Jeff Britton in the Palm Springs *Desert Sun*. In 1994, Lemper was named *Billboard* magazine's Crossover Artist of the Year, although her award-winning performances break category barriers. She has recorded extensively and sings in eight languages. Complete bio [here](#).

The just-released CD of Ute Lemper's self-composed songs, *Between Yesterday and Tomorrow*, will be available for sale at the SRS concerts, and Lemper will sign copies following her performance.

## **Hudson Shad**

The members of Hudson Shad appearing with the Santa Rosa Symphony are: Mark Bleeke, tenor; Eric Edlund, baritone; Peter Becker, bass/baritone; and Wilbur Pauley, bass. The ensemble has specialized in the repertoire and sonic style of The Comedian Harmonists. Since their German debut in 1995, they have performed throughout Europe in cabarets and prestigious concert halls as well as in Germany's largest revue theatre, the Friedrichstadtpalast. They have also been guests on *Prairie Home Companion*, NPR Radio, *Fresh Air* and in numerous TV and radio appearances in Germany. This is their 10<sup>th</sup> collaboration with Lemper. The group has sung "The Family" in *Seven Deadly Sins* in over 100 performances world-wide. Complete bio [here](#).

## **Concert Sponsors**

Santa Rosa Symphony's May concert set is underwritten by The James Irvine Foundation.

## **Get Cued in with Pre-Concert Talks and Online Notes**

To hear Bruno Ferrandis' musings on, and insights about, this 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 [online](#).

## **Concert Times**

Concert times are Saturday, May 8 and Monday, May 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 9 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 May 8. 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 Ute Lemper, Hudson Shad and Maestro Bruno Ferrandis available upon request—

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

**Heading:** Classical

**What:** Symphony Concert

Bruno Ferrandis, conductor

Ute Lemper, vocalist

Hudson Shad, male vocal quartet

**Date and Time:**

Sat., May 8, 2010 at 8 p.m.

(Discovery Rehearsal, Sat., May 8 at 2 p.m.)

Sun., May 9, 2010 at 3 p.m.

Mon., May 10, 2010 at 8 p.m.

**Program:**

MOZART: Overture to *Don Giovanni*

TCHAIKOVSKY: *Swan Lake Suite*

WEILL: *Seven Deadly Sins*

The pre-concert talks start 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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