

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Santa Rosa Symphony Announces New Board President and New Board Members for 2010-11**

(Santa Rosa, CA) – The Santa Rosa Symphony recently announced three new appointments to the board of directors. They are **Jamei Haswell**, of Santa Rosa, **Carol Spindler O’Hara** of Sebastopol and **Donna Grayce Campbell** (Symphony League representative) of Santa Rosa.

Newly named board president, Eric Rossin, said, “I am privileged to serve as president of the board of the Santa Rosa Symphony Association, and I look forward to the Symphony’s 83rd year of service! As we continue to navigate trying economic times, I am eternally grateful to the tremendous support we receive from our audiences, our orchestra and our staff. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board members who will bring their energy and wisdom to this great organization.”

In addition to Rossin, the following officers will guide the implementation of the Symphony’s vision and mission in the coming year: Vice-President **Charlie Schlangen**, Treasurer **Jim Hinton**, and Secretary **Peggy Elliott**.

#### **Officer and New Board Biographies**

SRS Board President **Eric Rossin** and his wife Beth Weisburn moved to Sonoma County in 1995. They live in Sebastopol with their two children, Samuel and Alexander. Rossin was a co-founder of Alantro Communications and served as president from its inception in 1997 until it was acquired by Texas Instruments in 2000. Currently, Rossin splits his time between his family and advising technology start-up companies. He and his family share a love of music, reading and Sonoma County. Rossin holds a Ph.D., M.Eng. and B.S. degree, all in Electrical Engineering, from Cornell University.

SRS Board Treasurer **James Hinton** is a graduate of Stanford University, a former Air Force officer, and a 1964 graduate of Boalt School of Law at UC Berkeley. He began his law practice in Santa Rosa in 1964 with the firm of Spridgen, Moskowitz, Barrett & Achor; in 1988 he established his own law partnership, now known as Hinton, Cochran, Borba & Beckwith. After more than 33

years in civil litigation, representing individuals, corporations, governments, and professionals in state and federal courts, Hinton retired from law practice in 1997. After retiring, he served the City of Santa Rosa for six years on the board of the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens, four years as its chairman. Hinton has been an active member of Santa Rosa West Rotary Club since 1996. In 2002-2003, he was honored as its Rotarian of the Year, and in 2004-2005 he served as its president.

SRS Board Secretary **Peggy Elliott** is a partner in the law firm of Anderson, Zeigler, Disharoon, Gallagher & Gray in Santa Rosa. Her practice areas include: Estate Planning, Probate, Business Law and Trademark. Since 1993 she has served as adjunct faculty for SSU Attorney Assistant Program and the Estate Planning and Gift Taxation faculty at Empire College School of Law.

New board member **Jamei Haswell** was born in Houston, Texas, just after World War II into an Army family. The family lived in numerous countries before settling down in Sacramento, California, in the early 1960s. She attended UC Davis, Nanzan University (Nagoya, Japan) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Hartford, CT branch).

Haswell is a professional engineer, with a focus on power engineering and system planning. She worked for Combustion Engineering, Pacific Gas and Electric, the Edison Electric Institute, as well as several energy consulting companies. Before retiring, she was vice-president of an energy efficiency firm in northern Virginia. Jamei has strong communications skills, is a problem solver and especially adept at translating technical jargon and concepts into understandable language. Throughout her career she specialized in group dynamics, business development and strategic planning.

In 1999, she and her husband Richard Grundy, also an engineer, fulfilled a dream and returned to California. They now live in Santa Rosa. Haswell has been active on the boards of corporate, philanthropic, and social organizations in Sonoma County. She served on the Sutter Hospital VNA and Hospice Board and the Plaza Arts Center Board (now Healdsburg Art Center). She facilitated fundraising plans for the Santa Rosa Symphony League Board. She is also an acrylic painter and has shown her work throughout the area.

“Prior to moving to Santa Rosa, I lived in the Washington D.C area and attended the National Symphony Orchestra for many years. After moving here, I delightedly discovered a real gem known as the Santa Rosa Symphony. Today I especially appreciate the depth, breadth, and unity that Music Director Bruno Ferrandis seems to magically coax from the orchestra. From the grand masters to the

previously undiscovered, Maestro Ferrandis seems to bring them to life. I look forward to actively supporting the Board.”

After nearly 20 years in San Francisco, **Carol Spindler O’Hara** and her husband Jim O’Hara relocated their young family to Sebastopol where they have lived for the past 12 years. Their children, Ryan, 13 and Katie, 10 attend Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm where they are deeply involved in the music program. O’Hara has been very active in Summerfield’s Board and fundraising activities. She is especially interested in expanding music education programs in Sonoma County.

She is the Partner In Charge of Burr Pilger Mayer, Inc’s (BPM) North Bay Practice. BPM is the largest California-based accounting and consulting firm with six offices circling the Bay Area. Previously, she was a partner with KPMG in San Francisco and London. O’Hara and her husband have traveled extensively enjoying culture, music and the arts throughout their lives. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, she is a graduate of Penn State University.

About her new position, O’Hara notes:

“As a Santa Rosa Symphony board member, I am fortunate to have a role in bringing music to our community. Music is about bringing people together. It encourages creativity, fosters diversity, decreases anxiety and opens doors. It’s the fabric and heart of the community. We are so blessed to live in Sonoma County, a year-round haven that combines everything you could desire: world-class food, wine, arts and music.”

Board representative from the Santa Rosa Symphony League is **Donna Grayce Campbell**. Campbell was born in 1939 in Skowhegan, Maine and grew up in a rural environment. Her grandmother made her own bread and butter, canned fruits and vegetables, and did needlework; crocheting, knitting, embroidery, quilting and sewing. Campbell learned many of these skills from her and has a real appreciation for the crafts.

Campbell became a school teacher in 1969 and taught until 1980 when she migrated to California. She retired after 18 years in California as a business systems analyst for Fireman’s Fund Insurance Companies. Her husband Thomas Campbell has been an amateur photographer for many years and she became interested. Although she enjoys shooting landscapes and loves the wine country vistas, she has a real love for flowers and other plants. She also continues the crafts she loves, working with fabrics and yarns to create things that bring grace and beauty into one’s life.

Campbell has served in a number of positions with the Santa Rosa Photographic Society and the Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center Board, including President of both. She has two children, Kathleen Kelley Young and Whitney Walter Smith, as well as four beautiful granddaughters.

Campbell says about her new position:

“Music is a crucial element in one’s life and therefore an extremely important ingredient in the education of our young people. Sitting on the SRS Board allows me an opportunity to have some influence, however small, on that undertaking.”

A complete list of board members can be obtained by visiting the Santa Rosa Symphony website at [www.santarosasympphony.com](http://www.santarosasympphony.com).

--Photos of Jamei Haswell, Carol O’Hara and Donna Campbell available upon request--