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NEWS RELEASE

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Santa Rosa Symphony Repertory and Youth orchestras present joint concert November 20 at Jackson Theater

(SANTA ROSA, CA)—The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra will join with the SRS Repertory Orchestra for a performance on Sunday, November 20, 2011. Beginning at 3 p.m. at the Jackson Theater, Sonoma Country Day School, this Fall Concert will feature the two orchestras individually and then in a combined finale. Students in the **Repertory Orchestra (RO)** must have been playing their instrument a minimum of three years and have prior ensemble experience. **Youth Orchestra (YO)** members have extensive performing opportunities and must be committed to a strict routine of rehearsals, private lessons, and at-home practice.

This will be the debut concert for Repertory Orchestra conductor Bobby Rogers. Rogers is currently the music director at Pioneer High School in Woodland and newly-elected Woodland Education Association president. He taught previously at Herbert Slater and Rincon Valley middle schools. (Complete Rogers bio [here](#).) The Repertory Orchestra program includes: *L'Italiana in Algeri* by Rossini, *Swedish Rhapsody* by Alfvén, selections from Mozart's "Jupiter Symphony" and Bizet's First Symphony.

Dr. Richard Loheyde is now in his sixth year conducting the SRS Youth Orchestra, the training program's most advanced ensemble. (Complete Loheyde bio [here](#).) The YO will perform: Shostakovich's Festive Overture, "Mars" and "Jupiter" from *The Planets* by Holst, and *Peer Gynt*, Suite No. 1 by Grieg.

Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 students and seniors; group sale of 10 or more \$8. Call 54-MUSIC (707-546-8742) or purchase online www.santarosasympphony.com.

Currently in its 53rd season, the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra has 50 members ranging in age from 9 to 19. The Repertory Orchestra, in its 16th year, currently has 36 members ranging in age from 9 to 15.

CALENDAR LISTING

What: Santa Rosa Symphony Repertory (RO) and Youth Orchestra (YO) Fall Concert
Bobby Rogers, RO conductor; Dr. Richard Loheyde, YO conductor

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, November 20, 2011

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

Repertory Orchestra Program:

ROSSINI: L'Italiana in Algeri
MOZART: Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter Symphony"
BIZET: Symphony No.1
BIZET: Swedish Rhapsody

Youth Orchestra Program:

SHOSTAKOVICH: Festive Overture
HOLST: *The Planets*, "Mars" and "Jupiter"
GRIEG: *Peer Gynt*, Suite No. 1

Cost: \$12 general; \$10 students and seniors (over 65) Group sale of 10 or more \$8

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More about the SRS Repertory Orchestra

The Repertory Orchestra expands the musical experience by providing an opportunity for intermediate to advanced students to perform a wide variety of repertoire within a full orchestra. Repertory Orchestra members are expected to have private instruction on their instrument and follow a regular practice routine. To qualify, students must have been playing their instrument a minimum of three years and have prior ensemble experience – at least one year in the Preparatory Orchestra or the equivalent. Approximate age of orchestra members is 12-18 years.

Founded in 1994 as the Discovery Orchestra under the baton of William R. Williams, the ensemble was renamed the Repertory Orchestra in 2011. The orchestra is currently led by Bobby Rogers and plays to thousands in the community each year.

More about the SRS Youth Orchestra

The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra is among the oldest orchestras of its kind in California and has performed in Carnegie Hall, Davies Symphony Hall, and toured in Germany and the Czech Republic. Members typically have more performing opportunities than students in the Preparatory and Repertory Orchestras and must be committed to a strict routine of rehearsals, private lessons, and at-home practice. Music performed is from the standard symphonic orchestral repertoire. Members are typically ages 14-23.

Formed in October 1959 as the Sonoma County Junior Symphony under the direction of founding conductor, Eugene Shepherd, the orchestra's name was changed in 1994 to the Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra and is currently led by Dr. Richard Loheyde. The Youth Orchestra has

helped prepare those musicians who pursued a professional music career with numerous professional ensembles throughout California, including the Santa Rosa Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, San Francisco Opera Orchestra, American Bach Soloists, Oakland Symphony, Musica Angelica, Sacramento Symphony and Napa Valley Symphony.

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