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NEWS RELEASE

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Santa Rosa Symphony Young People's Chamber Orchestra and Preparatory Orchestra present Fall Concert Nov. 19

(SANTA ROSA, CA) — Two Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Ensembles will share their first concert this Fall at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa on November 19, 2011, at 2 p.m. The SRS **Preparatory Orchestra (PO)** provides a rich, rewarding educational experience for 29 young musicians ages 9 to 15 who learn to play within a full orchestra under the direction of a professional conductor. **Young People's Chamber Orchestra (YPCO)**, a string orchestra working without a conductor, trains the musicians to interact and collaborate on high-level music-making and nuanced performance. Currently YPCO consists of 19 musicians ages 9 to 18.

This concert will mark the debut of Preparatory Orchestra's new conductor Tristan Arnold. Arnold who is completing his Master of Music degree, and is himself a graduate of the Santa Rosa Symphony training program. At San Francisco State, Arnold served as interim director of the University Wind Ensemble and as assistant director of the University Orchestra. (Tristan Arnold complete bio [here](#).)

The Preparatory Orchestra will perform: *Four Dances* by Kodaly; *Midsummer Night's Dream* by Mendelssohn, *Musette and Dance* by Gluck and Mozart; the *William Tell Overture* by Rossini, the Brandenburg Sinfonia from Cantata No. 174 by Bach, Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien* and the 3rd Movement from Mahler's First Symphony.

This concert will also mark Dawn Dover's official move from acting director of the Young People's Chamber Orchestra to director. (Dover complete bio [here](#).) YPCO will perform a Traditional Argentinian Dance: *La Cumparsita*; by Bach; and Sinfonia for String Orchestra, Opus 110 by Shostakovich.

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.

CALENDAR LISTING:

Who: Santa Rosa Symphony Preparatory Orchestra, Tristan Arnold, conductor
Santa Rosa Symphony Young People's Chamber Orchestra, Dawn Dover director

Date and Time: Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 2 p.m.

What: Fall Concert

Program:

Preparatory Orchestra will perform

KODALY: *Four Dances* from Gyermek tancok

MENDELSSOHN: *Midsummer Night's Dream*

Gluck and Mozart- Musette and Dance

ROSSINI: *William Tell Overture*

BACH: Brandenburg Sinfonia from Cantata No. 174

TCHAIKOVSKY: *Capriccio Italien*

MAHLER: Symphony No. 1, 3rd movement

Young People's Chamber Orchestra will perform:

TRADITIONAL ARGENTINIAN DANCE: *La Cumparsita*

BACH: *Air*

SHOSTAKOVICH: Sinfonia for String Orchestra, Opus 110

Venue: Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa

Cost: \$12 adult; \$10 seniors/student; group sale of 10 or more \$8 each

Tickets: (707) 54-MUSIC [546-8742] or www.santarosasympphony.com

More about the SRS Preparatory Orchestra

The Santa Rosa Symphony Preparatory Orchestra provides a solid foundation for younger students to learn to play within a full orchestra under the direction of a professional conductor. To qualify, students must have played their instrument for a minimum of two years. Some prior ensemble training or experience in a performing group is also desirable. Due to the intensive nature of this group, it is recommended that the minimum age of new students be 9 years old. It is strongly recommended that all members be studying their instrument with a private teacher and practice their instrument regularly.

In 1977, the Preparatory Orchestra was formed under the direction of Jack Murphy. It is currently led by Tristan Arnold. Since Mr. Murphy's retirement, the conductors of the Preparatory Orchestra have all been alumni of the Santa Rosa Symphony's training program, bringing a unique knowledge of the program to their work as educators of these young musicians.

More about the SRS Preparatory Orchestra

The Young People's Chamber Orchestra, a string orchestra working without a conductor, is designed to take accomplished young string players and mold them into high-functioning musicians

with a complete attentiveness to detail and to each other within the context of the music. This orchestra is for students up to 23 years of age who are studying privately and have had previous orchestral training. It is modeled after the Bay Area's renowned New Century Chamber Orchestra and is the first youth ensemble of its kind in northern California. All members of the Young People's Chamber Orchestra must be enrolled in another of the Santa Rosa Symphony ensembles or their school's orchestra, and must be committed to a strict routine of rehearsals, private lessons, and at-home practice.

Established in 1998, the Young People's Chamber Orchestra was formed under the direction of Linda Ghidossi-DeLuca, who led this ensemble until 2008. Currently under the direction of Dawn Dover, the orchestra has been featured as a guest on a New Century Chamber Orchestra performance and has been a winner of the Berkeley Junior Bach Festival.

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