

NEWS RELEASE

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Santa Rosa Symphony *Once Upon a Circus* Gala Dinner and Auction Oct. 14 party encourages guests to wear circus attire

The Santa Rosa Symphony's annual fundraising dinner party and auction, titled "Once Upon a Circus" takes place on Friday, October 14, 2011 at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. Guests are invited to participate in the circus magic by dressing as a clown, a lion tamer, a trapeze artist. . . or wearing formal attire. The Gala begins at 6 p.m. with a reception featuring premium red and white wines from Clos du Bois and sparkling wine from Iron Horse Vineyards, this year's official wine sponsors. The Gala's corporate contributing sponsor is Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough LLC.

On the evening's program is the stunning **Natasha Paremski**, guest star of the Symphony's opening concerts on Oct. 15-17. This passionate and dynamic pianist was named Classical Recording Foundation's Young Artist of the Year in 2010. She will perform classical selections following the gala dinner and live auction.

Auction Highlights

The Santa Rosa Symphony's live and silent auctions include a variety of unique items and special experiences. Among them are: An exclusive dinner and home recital with Maestro Bruno Ferrandis and his brother, flutist Jean Ferrandis; priority seat selection for subscription concerts at the Green Music Center's Weill Hall in the 2012-13 inaugural season; a foursome with renowned golf architect Robert Trent Jones, Jr. at one of the Bay Area courses he designed; five days stay in New York City with tickets to the Metropolitan Opera; a black pearl pendant by premier San Francisco designer Frank Ancona, [and more](#).

Proceeds from “Once Upon a Circus” support the Symphony’s artistic and educational programs, including its dual educational focus on Training Young Musicians and Music for Our Schools. SRS maintains four youth orchestras; In-School Performances by professional symphony musicians; a classical music listening program in more than 25 schools; Free Concerts for Youth at Wells Fargo Center (nearly 7,000 attended last year); and the *It’s Elementary* music intensive program serving four area public schools annually.

Tickets

Gala tickets are \$225 per person (\$175 tax deductible), with guests seated at tables of 10. Call Enid at (707) 546-7097 ext. 223 to purchase tickets and select an entrée.

CALENDAR LISTING

Who: Santa Rosa Symphony

What: Fundraising Dinner and Auction: “Once Upon a Circus”

Attire: Black Tie or Circus Costume

Where: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

Date and Time:

Friday, October 14, 2011, 6 p.m.

Wine and sparkling wine reception, dinner with choice from three entrées (must reserve meal with ticket purchase), silent and live auction

Entertainment: Natasha Paremski, pianist, featured soloist SRS opening concert set

Cost: \$225 per person (\$175 tax deductible)

Tickets: By phone (707) 546-7097 ext. 223, 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.