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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Musical Soirée at McDonald Mansion Friday, Nov. 11 benefits Santa Rosa Symphony**

(Santa Rosa, CA) – Friday, November 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. is your opportunity to experience the multimillion-dollar makeover of Santa Rosa’s “Grande Dame of Homes,” the McDonald Mansion, at a musical benefit for the Santa Rosa Symphony. Tedi Papavrami, guest soloist for the Symphony’s November concert set, performs Beethoven’s Sonata No. 5 in F major for Violin and Piano as well as other works, accompanied by SRS principal pianist Kymry Esainko. A \$150 admission includes the 4 p.m. reception and musical performance.

An exclusive group of guests who pay \$1,000 per person will receive, in addition, an extensive future tour of the McDonald Mansion and grounds AND a limited edition print of Jack Stuppin’s painting “Russian River Rhapsody.” The pigmented ink prints—from an original oil painting by Stuppin valued at \$30,000—are on archival watercolor paper; mounted size is 29" x 30." A maximum of 10 of these exclusive admissions will be accepted.

For tickets, call Symphony Patron Services: (707) 546-8742 or purchase online at [santarosasympphony.com](http://santarosasympphony.com).

Santa Rosa Symphony Music Director Bruno Ferrandis and Executive Director Alan Silow will give a brief “State of the Symphony” address as part of the program.

#### **Artist’s Bio**

**Jack Stuppin**, who resides in Sonoma County and is well-known for his *en pleine air* landscape painting, has exhibited nationally in many solo and group shows. His paintings are held in public collections around the country. Essays and reviews about his work have been written by

recognized critics and art historians including Kenneth Baker, John Fitz Gibbon, Philip Linhares, Donald Kuspit and others. Benjamin Benson, Cultural Resources Coordinator of Pepperwood Preserve, has written of the artist: “His images are soulscapes which are built like sculptures. His paintings reveal not just a scene, but more the bones, the inner structure of Nature’s places and Jack Stuppin’s spiritual relationship to them.”

### **Featured Musical Performer’s Bio**

The superlative Albanian violinist **Tedi Papavrami** was a child prodigy, playing since the age of five. He has performed throughout Europe, in South Africa, Turkey, Japan and Israel, with famous orchestras and at prestigious festivals such as Montreux, Schleswig, Holstein and Newport. As both an actor and violinist, Papavrami performed in the film *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* (in the role of Danceney) opposite Catherine Deneuve, Rupert Everett, Nastassja Kinsky and Danielle Darrieux. In addition to his extensive recording and performing career, he is also professor of violin at the Conservatoire de Genève. Complete bio [here](#).

### **CALENDAR LISTING:**

**What:** Musical Soiree at the McDonald Mansion  
**Featuring:** Tedi Papavrami, violin; Kymry Esainko, piano  
**Who:** Benefits Santa Rosa Symphony  
**Where:** The McDonald Mansion, 1015 McDonald Avenue, Santa Rosa  
**Date:** Friday, November 11, 2011  
**Time:** 4 – 6 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$150 (\$120 tax deductible)  
OR  
\$1,000 (\$970 tax deductible) includes a future tour of McDonald Mansion and grounds and a limited-edition print of Jack Stuppin’s “Russian River Rhapsody.”  
**Tickets:** (707) 546-8742 [54-MUSIC]  
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