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Santa Rosa Symphony receives major gift from the Person Trust Principal cello chair will be named in perpetuity for Evert B. Person

(SANTA ROSA, CA) – The Santa Rosa Symphony is privileged to announce receipt of a gift from the Evert B. Person Charitable Unitrust in the amount of \$444,453. Symphony Executive Director Alan Silow said that the gift will be used to endow the orchestra’s principal cello chair in perpetuity.

“It is fitting that we honor the Symphony’s great friend and generous benefactor with the named chair of an instrument he loved,” Silow said. “Our organization has always been humbled by, and grateful for, the Persons’ support of classical music over many years.”

The Evert B. Person Memorial Chair will be held by Adelle-Akiko Kearns, newly-named principal cellist of the Santa Rosa Symphony.

Evert B. Person (1914-2011)

Evert Person passed away on March 8, 2011. He was the former publisher of *The Press Democrat* and, with his wife Norma, donated roughly \$40 million to Sonoma County organizations and causes through foundations and personal contributions. Evert was president of the Santa Rosa Symphony board of directors from 1966-1968 and was the one who invited Corrick Brown to become the Symphony’s second music director/conductor. The Persons co-chaired Santa Rosa Symphony’s 2005 Planned Giving Campaign and donated \$3 million to the Green Music Center, demonstrating their belief in securing the organization’s future. This gift from the Person Trust underscores that belief.

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