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Images from Community of Music Makers workshops can be provide upon request

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND *SAN FRANCISCO CLASSICAL VOICE*
PARTNER TO LAUNCH *COMMUNITY OF MUSIC MAKERS*
CHAMBER MUSIC CONVENING WEBSITE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13—The San Francisco Symphony has partnered with classical music website *San Francisco Classical Voice* to launch a chamber music convening website, comm.sfcv.org, as part of the Symphony's *Community of Music Makers* program. The new website supports chamber music performance in the community and serves as a clearinghouse to help individual players and ensembles find each other, as well as communicate among each other and with the San Francisco Symphony.

"Both SFCV and the SF Symphony are incredibly rich sources of material for classical music lovers. Together, I hope we can connect musicians to each other and to the *Community of Music Makers* program for further guidance and playing opportunities," said Lolly Lewis, program administrator for SF Symphony's *Community of Music Makers* program. "I cannot think of a better partner than *San Francisco Classical Voice* with which to launch this chamber music website."

The website welcomes musicians of any level to either browse listings from other members looking to form chamber ensembles, or create a profile to post their own listings to find chamber music partners. The site also contains resources for chamber music ensembles, including scores, audio clips, video and

readings on select works, as well as information on other chamber music workshops and festivals. Resources for additional repertoire will be continually added.

In addition to the new website with SFCV, *Community of Music Makers* has already hosted three choral workshops, one string ensemble, one wind and brass ensemble, and one chamber music workshop. During the 2012-13 season, there are two workshops each scheduled for amateur choral, strings, and wind and brass musicians. Four chamber music workshops are also planned. The first instrumental and chamber workshops of the season take place in October, and the first choral workshop takes place in November. Visit www.sfsymphony.org/musicmakers to sign up for news about upcoming workshops and other related events.

Community of Music Makers (CoMM), a San Francisco Symphony Centennial Season initiative, serves amateur adult musicians and promotes active participation in music-making and lifelong learning, with Davies Symphony Hall as a hub of music activity. CoMM extends the Symphony's role beyond its historic performance and teaching model by creating opportunities for SFS concertgoers to participate in music-making under the auspices of the SFS and with the support of SFS players and artistic staff.

San Francisco Classical Voice is a not-for-profit website dedicated to intelligent, professional and thorough critical coverage of the Bay Area's rich classical music scene. SFCV was launched in 1998 by former *San Francisco Chronicle* classical-music critic Robert Commanday and San Francisco composer and philanthropist Gordon Getty. Since its inception, SFCV has published more than 3,500 concert reviews of Bay Area classical music groups.

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