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**THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND NFL FILMS CELEBRATE SUPER BOWL 50 WITH
“A CONCERT OF CHAMPIONS” FEBRUARY 3-4 AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

**Orchestra performs live accompaniment of select NFL Films clips,
with special guest host Marcus Allen, NFL Hall of Fame running back**

**Special pre-concert tailgate dinner on Wednesday, February 3 benefits
SF Symphony’s community and education programs**

SAN FRANCISCO, November 17, 2015 — The [San Francisco Symphony](http://www.sfsymphony.org) (SFS) joins the San Francisco Bay Area’s Super Bowl 50 festivities with two events celebrating the intersection of sports and music on February 3-4, 2016 in Davies Symphony Hall. Hosted by NFL Hall of Fame running back Marcus Allen, the concerts feature the iconic music and filmmaking of Emmy Award-winning NFL Films, with conductor Joshua Gersen leading the Orchestra in live accompaniment. Images captured by NFL Films’ cameras over the years will be projected on the stage. The concerts are part of the NFL’s week-long Super Bowl 50 celebration leading up to The Big Game on Sunday, February 7 at Levi’s Stadium.

The SF Symphony will provide live orchestral accompaniment to a selection of short documentaries produced by NFL Films, featuring original scores by composers David Robidoux, Thomas Hedden, and Sam Spence. These short films cover topics including the history of the NFL, Super Bowl moments, the life of NFL Films founders Ed and Steve Sabol, and the best of NFL Films’ well-known football follies. The SFS will also perform a selection of orchestral works, to be announced at a later date.

Prior to the Wednesday, February 3 performance, elevated dinner packages are available for guests to experience a tailgate like no other. Dinner package tickets include a 5 p.m. cocktail reception in Davies Symphony Hall's Wattis Room and a 6 p.m. dinner held in Zellerbach Rehearsal Hall A. The pre-concert dinner is chaired by Karen & Ronnie Lott and Marcia & John Goldman.

Proceeds from the February 3 dinner benefit the San Francisco Symphony's educational and community programs, which reach hundreds of thousands of people of all ages throughout Northern California, touching a broad economic and cultural cross-section of the population.

Programs that benefit from such fundraising events include the nationally acclaimed *Adventures in Music* (AIM) program, which provides comprehensive music education experiences to all SF public school children in grades 1-5; the *Instrument Training and Support* (IT&S) program, which serves band and orchestra classes in the SFUSD's middle schools and high schools, grades 6 – 12; *Concerts for Kids*, which makes live orchestral music available to thousands of schoolchildren and teachers throughout Northern California; the free website *SFSKids.org*, which provides online learning about music for children, parents, teachers, and schools; the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, which has achieved an international reputation for excellence; the *Community of Music Makers* program, in which amateur adult musicians actively participate in music-making at Davies Symphony Hall and engage with SFS musicians and conductors; and an array of other programs that reach students and music-lovers of all ages, providing access to and engagement with music of the highest quality.

For more information about all the ways the NFL is celebrating Super Bowl 50, visit SuperBowl.com, follow @SuperBowl on Twitter or hashtags #SB50.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND NFL FILMS: A CONCERT OF CHAMPIONS

[Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 8 p.m.](#)

[Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 8 p.m.](#)

Davies Symphony Hall: Grove Street at Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA

Joshua Gersen conductor

Marcus Allen host, NFL Hall of Fame running back

San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Gould	<i>American Salute</i>
Robidoux	<i>Molder of Men</i> [with film]
Spence	<i>Sabers and Six Guns</i> [with film]
Goldsmith	Selections from <i>Rudy Suite</i>
Hedden	<i>75 Seasons</i> [with film]
Bizet	"Les Toreadors" from <i>Carmen</i> Suite No. 1
Spence/ Hedden/Robidoux	<i>Follies Suite</i> [with film] Dance of the Fumblers The Commissioner Follie My Lead
Robidoux	<i>America's Game</i> [with film]
Copland	<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i>
Robidoux	<i>The Champions Suite</i>
Robidoux	<i>Lombardi Trophy Super Bowl Suite</i>

Pre-concert Dinner Events on Wednesday, February 3:

5pm Cocktail Reception, Wattis Room

6pm Dinner, Zellerbach Rehearsal Hall A

Concert tickets: \$50-\$195. Includes access to the pre-concert lobby activities in Davies Symphony Hall. These tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 415-864-6000, at www.sfsymphony.org/NFL, or at the box office located on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street.

Formal dinner packages begin at \$1000 and include a 5 p.m. cocktail reception and 6 p.m. dinner in the Wattis Room and Zellerbach Rehearsal Hall A, respectively. Dinner packages are available by contacting the Volunteer Council at (415) 503-5500 or online at www.sfsymphony.org/NFL.

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