

Community of Music Makers

**3/4 of San Francisco Symphony audience members
played an instrument or sang at some point in their lives**

Community of Music Makers rekindles that joy of music-making

The San Francisco Symphony's Community of Music Makers (CoMM) program is an initiative that serves amateur adult musicians and promotes active, lifelong participation in music-making. Launched during the Orchestra's 2011-12 Centennial Season, 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 artistic resources. Community of Music Makers presents workshops and events for amateur vocalists and instrumentalists in Davies Symphony Hall, where participants improve their skills, meet fellow musicians, and receive coaching directly from SFS musicians and artistic staff.



Each choral workshop involves four SFS Chorus members as mentors; numerous other SFS Chorus members serve as workshop volunteers. For the instrumental workshops, 15 members of the San Francisco Symphony serve as coaches and mentors, allowing participants to interact in a very personal way with the SFS musicians they see on stage. Chamber music workshops allow for intimate, in-depth musical explorations with an SFS musician serving as a mentor for each chamber group. These “behind the scenes” interactions are enriching for mentors and participants alike.

The Goal of Community of Music Makers is to enrich people's lives through music-making and direct participation with the classical repertoire; and to promote inclusiveness and connectivity between the Symphony's artists and educators and the Bay Area community. Our hope is that Community of Music Makers will help to deepen participants' experience as listeners and performers, as part their lifelong engagement with music.

COMMUNITY OF MUSIC MAKERS 2013-2014 SEASON:

Play Out, Davies! Instrumental Workshops

October 20 and May 4: STRINGS

October 27 and April 27: WOODWINDS AND BRASS

Sing Out, Davies! Choral Workshops

December 1 and March 30

Chamber Music Workshops

January 12 • February 9 • April 13 • June 8

Information is available at

www.sfsymphony.org/musicmakers, and visitors can sign up for news about upcoming workshops and other related events.



PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK:

"I feel as though I've been invited into the heart of the Symphony."



"Working with the section mentor and of course with the maestro was absolutely inspiring."

"The workshop brought back a host of personal memories about how making music together is one of life's great treasures."

"Wow!! My first time at Davies Hall, and certainly the musical experience of my lifetime."

"I am motivated to look for a choir of my own, and to go back to singing lessons!"

"I'm really glad that SF Symphony is doing this community outreach and I think it is a great way to get music-loving community members involved with the Symphony."

"I am overwhelmed at the generosity of the SF Symphony in providing this community experience."