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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY MUSICIANS PERFORM EIGHT CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS
AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL AND THE LEGION OF HONOR****Highlights Include Composer George Benjamin Performing *Piano Figures*,
Principal Viola Jonathan Vinocour and Yun Jie Liu in Benjamin's *Viola, Viola*,
Principal Clarinet Carey Bell in Brahms' Clarinet Quintet,
and Performance of Nathaniel Stookey's *Junkestra***

WHAT: San Francisco Symphony (SFS) musicians perform eight chamber music concerts this season at Davies Symphony Hall and the Florence Gould Theater at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor. Highlights this season include George Benjamin performing his own composition, *Piano Figures*, with members of the orchestra, as part of the *Project San Francisco* artist/composer residency. New Principal Viola Jonathan Vinocour is featured in Benjamin's *Viola, Viola* with Associate Principal Viola Yun Jie Liu on January 17, also part of *Project San Francisco*. On February 28, Principal Clarinet Carey Bell is featured in Brahms' Clarinet Quintet in B Minor. SFS musicians perform Nathaniel Stookey's work *Junkestra*, a classical piece featuring thirty instruments created from trash found in the San Francisco dump, on May 9. Stookey will perform on percussion. Stookey's *The Composer is Dead* was commissioned by the SFS.

The concerts at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor are designed to showcase SFS Concertmaster Alexander Barantschik on the prized "David" Guarnerius violin, on loan to the SFS for Barantschik's exclusive use in a historic partnership with the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and members of the SFS. The "David" Guarnerius del Gesù violin, dated to 1742, was bequeathed to the Fine Arts Museums by famed violinist Jascha Heifetz. The Guarnerius was the great musician's favorite instrument, and it was left to the museums with the stipulation that it be played only by "worthy performers." This season, Barantschik is featured in works by Prokofiev (Violin Sonata No. 2 in D Major) and Debussy (Violin Sonata in G Minor), among others.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:**Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.**
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIESDavies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San FranciscoJohn Chisholm, violin
Dan Carlson, violin
Diane Nicholeris, violin
Jonathan Vinocour, viola
Katie Kadarauch, viola
David Goldblatt, cello
Amos Yang, cello
Scott Pingel, bass
Catherine Payne, flute**PROGRAM:**
Martinů/Sonata for Flute, Violin, and Piano
Mozart/Horn Quintet in E-flat Major, K.407
Dvořák /String Quintet in G Major, Opus 77

Jessica Valeri, horn
Robin Sutherland, piano

TICKETS: \$35, available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, or online through the SFS Web site at sfsymphony.org.

Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Florence Gould Theater
California Palace of the Legion of Honor
34th Avenue and Clement Street, Lincoln Park,
San Francisco

Alexander Barantschik, violin
Yun Jie Liu, viola
Peter Wyrick, cello
Anton Nel, piano

PROGRAM:
Mozart/Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, K.493
Brahms/Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Opus 25

TICKETS: \$49, \$45 for Fine Arts Museum members; available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, or online through the SFS Web site at sfsymphony.org.

Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m.
PROJECT SAN FRANCISCO

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Sharon Grebanier, violin
Mariko Smiley, violin
Jonathan Vinocour, viola
Gina Feinauer, viola
Yun Jie Liu, viola
Wayne Roden, viola
Margaret Tait, cello
Robin McKee, flute
Douglas Rioth, harp
George Benjamin, piano

PROGRAM:
Debussy/Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp
George Benjamin/*Viola, Viola*
George Benjamin/*Piano Figures*
Britten/String Quartet No. 2 in C Major, Opus 36

TICKETS: \$35, available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, or online through the SFS Web site at sfsymphony.org.

Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Nadya Tichman, violin
Amy Hiraga, violin
Melissa Kleinbart, violin
Suzanne Leon, violin
Katie Kadarrauch, viola
Adam Smyla, viola
Peter Wyrick, cello
Amos Yang, cello
Carey Bell, clarinet

PROGRAM:
Mozart/String Quartet in D Minor, K. 421
Brahms/Clarinet Quintet in B Minor, Opus 115

TICKETS: \$35, available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, or online through the SFS Web site at sfsymphony.org.

Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Florence Gould Theater
California Palace of the Legion of Honor
34th Avenue and Clement Street, Lincoln Park,
San Francisco

Alexander Barantschik, violin
Michael Grebanier, cello
Anton Nel, piano

PROGRAM:
Hummel/Piano Trio in G Major, Opus 65
Prokofiev/Violin Sonata No. 2 in D Major, Opus 94b
Schubert/Piano Trio in B-flat Major, D.898

TICKETS: \$49, \$45 for Fine Arts Museum members; available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, or online through the SFS Web site at sfsymphony.org.

Sunday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m.
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

John Chisholm, violin
Dan Carlson, violin
Florin Parvulescu, violin
Christina King, viola
Barbara Andres, cello
Amos Yang, cello
Tim Day, flute
Carey Bell, clarinet
Steven Dibner, bassoon
Rob Weir, bassoon
Jeff Biancalana, trumpet
Mark Inouye, trumpet
Timothy Higgins, trombone
Paul Welcomer, trombone
Nathaniel Stookey, percussion
Raymond Froehlich, percussion
Tom Hemphill, percussion
David Herbert, percussion
Rick Kvistad, percussion
Jack Van Geem, percussion
James Lee Wyatt III, percussion
Solen Gordon, piano

PROGRAM:
Stravinsky/Octet for Wind Instruments
Prokofiev/String Quartet No. 2 in F Major, Opus 92
On Kabardinian Themes
Nathaniel Stookey/*Junkestra*
Ravel/Piano Trio

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Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m.
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Florence Gould Theater
California Palace of the Legion of Honor
34th Avenue and Clement Street, Lincoln Park,
San Francisco

Alexander Barantschik, violin
Yun Jie Liu, viola
Michael Grebanier, cello
Scott Pingel, double bass
Anton Nel, piano

PROGRAM:
Beethoven/Piano Trio in C Minor, Opus 1, No. 3
Debussy/Violin Sonata in G Minor
Schubert/Piano Quintet in A Major, D.667, *Trout*

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Sunday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m.
CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Nadya Tichman, violin
Sharon Grebanier, violin
Victor Romasevich, violin
Nanci Severance, viola
Michael Grebanier, cello
William Bennett, oboe
Stephen Paulson, bassoon
Marc Shapiro, piano
Marilyn Thompson, piano

PROGRAM:
Catoire/Piano Trio in F Minor, Opus 14
Poulenc/Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano
Beethoven/String Quartet in C Major, Opus 59, No. 3
Rasumovsky

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