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**THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY PRESENTS
CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S *THE GOLD RUSH* (1925) ON SCREEN WITH LIVE ORCHESTRAL
ACCOMPANIMENT APRIL 15-17 AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

WHAT: The San Francisco Symphony presents three screenings of Charlie Chaplin's 1925 classic silent film *The Gold Rush* Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 15-17 at Davies Symphony Hall. The orchestra, led by Assistant Conductor Donato Cabrera, will perform Chaplin's original movie score to accompany these rare viewings of the film.

The Gold Rush (1925) is one of Charlie Chaplin's most successful films, and the highest grossing silent film comedy of all time. Inspired in part by the 1898 Klondike Gold Rush and the horrific Donner Party tragedy, the film tells the story of Chaplin's iconic character Tramp as the Lone Prospector during the great gold rush in Alaska. His adventures, dreams, and pursuit of an unrequited love are depicted through a mixture of slapstick, pantomime, and a dash of sentimentality. Classic scenes include Chaplin's dance of the dinner rolls, the teetering cabin on the edge of the cliff, and the starving Chaplin's leather shoe feast. *The Gold Rush* was Chaplin's favorite work, the one by which he said he would most wish to be remembered. It was re-released in 1942 with a full orchestral score composed by Chaplin.

WHO: [Donato Cabrera](#), conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM: Chaplin / *The Gold Rush* (1925)
Silent film with live orchestral accompaniment

WHEN: Thursday, April 15 at 2 p.m.
Friday, April 16 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

PRE-CONCERT TALK: Stephen Salmons gives “Inside Music” talks one hour prior to each concert. Free to all concert ticketholders; doors open 15 minutes before.

TICKETS: \$35-\$135; Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

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