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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY PERFORMS NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERES OF
MUSIC FROM FINAL FANTASY VIDEO GAME TO SCENES FROM THE GAME
JULY 15 AND 16 AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

**Arnie Roth leads the Orchestra in music from Final Fantasy XIII and Nobuo Uematsu classics from
Final Fantasy I-III, the Main Theme from VII, and “Maria and Draco” from VI,
plus favorites from just-released recording**

Vocalist Susan Calloway joins the Orchestra for first concerts of four-city North American tour

WHAT:

The San Francisco Symphony performs two different concerts of music from [Final Fantasy](#), the popular role-playing video game, including the North American premieres of music from Final Fantasy composers [Nobuo Uematsu](#) and [Masashi Hamauzu](#). Grammy Award-winning conductor and music director [Arnie Roth](#) conducts the Orchestra in Davies Symphony Hall concerts Thursday, July 15 and Friday, July 16 at 8 p.m. While the Orchestra plays, state-of-the-art images from Final Fantasy game scenes will be projected onto the big screen.

The Orchestra will perform for the first time in North America a medley of [Hamauzu’s](#) music from the latest best-selling Final Fantasy XIII game and Nobuo Uematsu’s Final Fantasy IX: *Prima Vista*. The Orchestra will also perform some of Uematsu’s most popular pieces from earlier, classic versions of the game, including, on Thursday, July 15 only, the Main Theme from Final Fantasy VII, a medley from Final Fantasy I-III, *To Zanarkand* from Final Fantasy X, *Ronfaure* from Final Fantasy XI, and the 12-minute “opera” “Maria and Draco” from Final Fantasy VI, featuring soprano Christine Abraham, tenor Brian Jagde, and baritone Brian Leerhuber.

On Friday, July 16 only, the Orchestra will perform *Sutekidane* from Final Fantasy X, *Dancing Mad* from Final Fantasy VI, *Kiss Me Goodbye* from Final Fantasy XII, *Vamo’ alla Flamenco* from Final Fantasy IX, and *J-E-N-O-V-A* from Final Fantasy VII, as part of a full program of Final Fantasy music. Vocalist [Susan Calloway](#), who sings on the just-released *Distant Worlds II: more music from Final Fantasy* recording, appears with the

Orchestra both nights, singing *Memoro de la Stono–Distant Worlds* from Final Fantasy XI and *Kiss Me Goodbye* from Final Fantasy XII.

The San Francisco concerts are the first of only four stops the Final Fantasy concert tour is making in the United States. These concerts mark the first time Masashi Hamauzu's Final Fantasy music has been performed in North America. Last summer, in a performance that was sold out weeks in advance, Roth led the San Francisco Symphony in a Davies Symphony Hall concert of Final Fantasy music.

Learn more about composer Nobuo Uematsu in this [recent interview](#) from kotaku.com.

WHO:

[Arnie Roth](#), conductor

[Susan Calloway](#), vocalist

Christine Abraham, soprano (7/15 only)

Brian Jagde, tenor (7/15 only)

Brian Leerhuber, baritone (7/15 only)

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PROGRAM:

Thursday, July 15:

Nobuo Uematsu / Final Fantasy VII: Opening – *Bombing Mission*
/ Final Fantasy Victory Theme
/ Final Fantasy VIII: *Don't Be Afraid*
/ Final Fantasy XI: *Memoro de la Stono – Distant Worlds*
/ Final Fantasy I-III: Medley 2002
/ Final Fantasy VII: Main Theme
/ Final Fantasy IX: *Prima Vista* (North American premiere)**
/ Final Fantasy XII: *Kiss Me Goodbye*
/ Final Fantasy X: *To Zanarkand*
/ Final Fantasy series: Main Theme
/ Final Fantasy VIII: *The Man With The Machine Gun*
/ Final Fantasy IV: *Theme of Love*
/ Final Fantasy VII: *J-E-N-O-V-A*
/ Final Fantasy XI: *Ronfaure*
Masashi Hamauzu / Final Fantasy XIII: Medley (North American premiere)**
Nobuo Uematsu / Final Fantasy XIV: Medley
/ *Final Fantasy VI: Opera Maria and Draco*
/ Final Fantasy VI: *Terra's Theme*

Friday, July 16:

Nobuo Uematsu / Final Fantasy VII: Opening – *Bombing Mission*
/ Final Fantasy Victory Theme
/ Final Fantasy VIII: *Don't Be Afraid*
/ Final Fantasy XI: *Memoro de la Stono – Distant Worlds*
/ Final Fantasy V: *Dear Friends*
/ Final Fantasy IX: *Vamo' alla Flamenco*
/ Final Fantasy VII: *Aerith's Theme*
/ Final Fantasy IX: *Prima Vista* (North American premiere)**
/ Final Fantasy X: *Sutekidane*
/ Final Fantasy VII: *J-E-N-O-V-A*
/ Final Fantasy VIII: *The Man With The Machine Gun*
/ Final Fantasy IX: *Melodies of Life*
/ Final Fantasy VI: *Dancing Mad*

/ Final Fantasy series: *Swing de Chocobo*
/ Final Fantasy VIII: *Love Grows*
Masashi Hamauzu / Final Fantasy XIII: Medley (North American premiere)**
Nobuo Uematsu / Final Fantasy XIV: Medley
/ Final Fantasy XII: *Kiss Me Goodbye*
/ Final Fantasy VI: *Terra's Theme*

***North American premiere*

WHEN & WHERE:

Thursday, July 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 16 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco

TICKETS:

\$30-\$115. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Box Office at Davies Symphony Hall, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

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