

**THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S MUSIC FOR FAMILIES SERIES KICKS OFF
AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**Four-concert SF Symphony series at Davies Symphony Hall and three-concert series at
Flint Center in Cupertino offer families a fun, educational experience with orchestral music**

Leonard Bernstein's daughter, Jamie Bernstein, appears with the Orchestra in June 2010

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, October 27, 2009 - The San Francisco Symphony (SFS) kicks off the 2009-10 season's *Music for Families* series on Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. with the first of four concerts in Davies Symphony Hall. Specially designed to be engaging, informative and fun, these concerts introduce children and families to different aspects of the orchestra and the world of live orchestral music. The South Bay *Music for Families* series begins at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19 and continues throughout the season with two additional concerts at Flint Center in Cupertino.

The *Music for Families* concerts on November 21 and April 18 at Davies Symphony Hall will be conducted by former SFS Resident Conductor Edwin Outwater; the performance on December 20 will be led by SFS Youth Orchestra Music Director Donato Cabrera. On June 5 at Flint Center, and June 6 at Davies Symphony Hall, special guest host Jamie Bernstein, acclaimed narrator, writer, broadcaster, and daughter of Leonard Bernstein, joins SFS Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas. Also at the Flint Center, Donato Cabrera will be on the podium on December 19 and Edwin Outwater will conduct the Orchestra on April 17.

Now celebrating its seventeenth year at Davies Symphony Hall, the *Music for Families* series is a vital part of the San Francisco Symphony's commitment to music education. The concerts include an afternoon of music, informative talks, and show-and-tell demonstrations. All ticket-buyers receive an activity guide in advance of each concert to help them prepare for their musical adventure.

A four-concert *Music for Families* series is available at Davies Symphony Hall and a three-concert series is available at Flint Center. The series offers the entire family the opportunity to share the joy and discovery of music making, introducing families to the wonders of a live symphony concert as well as encouraging them to pick up an instrument of their own. *Music for Families* concerts are recommended for children ages seven and older, and tickets for those 17 and under are half-price.

For further press information, please contact the SFS Communications Department at (415) 503-5474 or publicrelations@sfsymphony.org.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES

San Francisco
Edwin Outwater, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Franz Joseph Haydn: "The Father of the Symphony"

What do a bear, a hen, and a clock have in common? They're nicknames for different pieces of music by Franz Joseph Haydn, one of the most famous composers in classical music! Symphony orchestras play all kinds of music, including wonderful pieces called "symphonies." Haydn is known as "*The Father of the Symphony*," and you'll learn why. Don't miss this fun concert, featuring the San Francisco Symphony, conductor Edwin Outwater, and great music from some of Haydn's best, wittiest, most beautiful, and most famous symphonies.

PROGRAM:

Haydn / Excerpt from Finale of Symphony No. 104, *London*

Excerpt from Finale of Symphony No. 31, *Hornsignal*

Short excerpts from:

- Symphony No. 101, *Clock* (demo from 2nd movement, Andante)
- Symphony No. 83, *Hen* (demo from 1st movement, Allegro spiritoso)
- Symphony No. 82, *Bear* (demo from Finale, Vivace) – 1'
- Symphony No. 60, *Il Distratto* - "*The Absent-Minded One*" (demo from Finale, Prestissimo)
- Symphony No. 47, *Palindrome* (demo from 3rd movement, Minuet)

Conclusion from Symphony No. 45, *Farewell*

Second movement from Symphony No. 94, *Surprise*

First movement from Symphony No. 39

Second movement and finale from Symphony No. 100, *Military*

TICKETS: \$15-\$56 for adults, \$7.50-\$28 for ages 17 and under; available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org.

Saturday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Flint Center, De Anza College, Cupertino

Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES

Donato Cabrera, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM: *Music Here, There, Everywhere!*

Music is everywhere in our everyday lives. It's universal! You hear music at the movies, in cartoons, in television commercials, and on the Internet. With headphones and digital listening devices, you can even hear music while you're just walking around! You can hear *live* music at parades, parks, sporting events, weddings, birthday parties, and, of

course, at San Francisco Symphony concerts. Music is always there to celebrate almost everything! Join the San Francisco Symphony and conductor Donato Cabrera in a wonderful concert which explores *Music Here, There, Everywhere!*

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Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Flint Center, Cupertino
Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES

Edwin Outwater, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM: *Musical Postcards*

Musical inspiration can come from any source. It can come from sitting in a boat sailing down a river, from taking a vacation in an exciting city, or from lying in the backyard reading a scary story! At this concert, the San Francisco Symphony and conductor Edwin Outwater present *Musical Postcards*, an inspiring afternoon of music by composers who embraced the glorious world around them in their music. These are composers who—through their music—paid homage to new sights, sounds, and cultures. This is dazzling music that's sure to fire your imagination, so get ready for an absolutely thrilling orchestral ride!

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Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Flint Center, De Anza College, Cupertino
Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco

MUSIC FOR FAMILIES

Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor
Jamie Bernstein, host
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM: *An Orchestral Spectacular!*

Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony welcome a special guest: Jamie Bernstein. Jamie Bernstein is an acclaimed narrator, writer, and broadcaster as well as the daughter of the legendary Leonard Bernstein. She has shared her musical life experiences with audiences all around the world. MTT and Jamie Bernstein will be your personal guides as they affectionately and joyfully lead you on a journey through *An Orchestral Spectacular!*, a concert filled with music they both love. They are very eager to share this wonderful music—with YOU! This is a concert you don't want to miss!

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