



**SAN FRANCISCO
SYMPHONY**
MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS • MUSIC DIRECTOR

100 YEARS

Contact:
Public Relations
San Francisco Symphony
(415) 503-5474
publicrelations@sfsymphony.org
www.sfsymphony.org/press

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / October 10, 2011



Donato Cabrera



San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra
(Images from [SFSYO Press Kit](#))



Alina Ming Kobialka

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2011-2012 SEASON OPENS NOVEMBER 6 IN DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

Season highlights include Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D major featuring Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition winner Alina Ming Kobialka and Bon Voyage Concert with pianist Garrick Ohlsson to kick off summer 2012 European tour

Youth Orchestra also to perform holiday concerts of *Peter and the Wolf* and the Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival under Music Director Donato Cabrera

SAN FRANCISCO, October 10, 2011 — During the San Francisco Symphony's 2011-2012 Centennial Season, the [San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra](#) (SFSYO) and Wattis Foundation Music Director [Donato Cabrera](#) perform an ambitious line-up of eight concerts, as well as an international tour in summer 2012. The season begins on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Davies Symphony Hall, and includes subscription concerts in March and May 2012, a Bon Voyage Concert with pianist [Garrick Ohlsson](#) to kick off the SFSYO's summer 2012 European tour, special holiday performances of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, and the Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival. The added concerts, broad range of repertoire and international tour highlight both the SFSYO's high-caliber musicianship and the SFS's commitment to nurturing future generations of musicians and concert-goers.

The November 6 concert features Donato Cabrera leading the Youth Orchestra in a program of Three Dances from Falla's *The Three-Cornered Hat*, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D Major featuring SFSYO 2011 Concerto Competition winner Alina Ming Kobialka, and Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major.

Alina Ming Kobialka is currently in her third season as a member of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, where she serves as co-concertmaster. She began violin studies at age five under the tutelage of Roy Oakley. She continued studies for five years with Li Lin and is currently studying with Wei He at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. At the age of ten she was invited to be a guest soloist with the Diablo Valley College Philharmonic Orchestra. Two years later, she was soloist with the Oakland Civic Orchestra. In November 2010, she made her concerto debut in the Barber Violin Concerto with Symphony Parnassus under the baton of its music director, San Francisco Symphony Principal Bassoon Stephen Paulson. She is the daughter of SFS violinist Chunming Mo.

The annual holiday performances of *Peter and the Wolf* with a special guest narrator will take place on Saturday, December 10 at 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. in Davies Symphony Hall and Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Flint Center in Cupertino.

On Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m., Donato Cabrera and the SFSYO will perform Berlioz's *Roman Carnival* Overture, John Adams' *Shaker Loops*, Debussy's *Prelude à L'Après-midi d'un faune*, and Haydn's Symphony No. 103, *Drumroll*. On Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m., the SFSYO will perform Schubert's Symphony No. 8, *Unfinished* and Mahler's Symphony No. 1.

On Saturday, June 16 at 3:00 p.m., Donato Cabrera leads the SFSYO in a send-off concert in advance of its summer 2012 European tour. Internationally-acclaimed pianist [Garrick Ohlsson](#) joins the YO in a performance of Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor. The program also includes Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major. The 2012 tour is the SFSYO's ninth international tour and the eighth time it has traveled to Europe. Tour details will be announced at a later date.

On Sunday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m., the San Francisco Symphony hosts the Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival, comprised of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and five of the Bay Area's most talented orchestral ensembles of young musicians. Following the tremendous success of the 2009 and 2011 festivals, the California Youth Symphony, El Camino Youth Symphony, Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra, Oakland Youth Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, and Young People's Symphony Orchestra come together to perform in one concert. Proceeds from the concert benefit six organizations, one within each orchestra's local community, that provide resources to underserved and homeless youth. The SFS will present the Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival on a biannual basis.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
DONATO CABRERA / WATTIS FOUNDATION MUSIC DIRECTOR
2011-2012 SEASON**

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA

[Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Donato Cabrera](#) conductor

[Alina Ming Kobialka](#) violin

[San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra](#)

Falla Three Dances from *The Three-Cornered Hat*

Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D major

Prokofiev Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major

Tickets: \$45 reserved seating, \$12 general admission. Available at [sfsymphony.org](#), 415-864-6000, or the [Davies Symphony Hall Box Office](#) on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco
Flint Center, Cupertino

[Saturday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.](#)
[Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. \(Flint Center\)](#)

[Donato Cabrera](#) conductor

TBA narrator

[San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra](#)

Prokofiev *Peter and the Wolf*

Additional holiday repertoire TBA

Tickets: Davies Symphony Hall concerts \$15-\$57; Flint Center concert \$15-\$48; half price for ages 17 and under at both venues. Available at sfsymphony.org, 415-864-6000, or the [Davies Symphony Hall Box Office](#) on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

BAY AREA YOUTH ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

[Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.](#)

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA

California Youth Symphony
El Camino Youth Symphony
Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra
Oakland Youth Symphony
San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra
Young People's Symphony Orchestra

Program TBA

Tickets: \$70 reserved seating, \$25 general admission. General admission half price for ages 17 and under. Available at sfsymphony.org, 415-864-6000, or the [Davies Symphony Hall Box Office](#) on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

[Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA

[Donato Cabrera](#) conductor
[San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra](#)

Berlioz *Roman Carnival Overture*
John Adams *Shaker Loops*
Debussy *Prelude à L'Après-midi d'un faune*
Haydn Symphony No. 103 in E-flat major, *Drumroll*

Tickets: \$45 reserved seating, \$12 general admission. Available at sfsymphony.org, 415-864-6000, or the [Davies Symphony Hall Box Office](#) on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

[Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA

[Donato Cabrera](#) conductor
[San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra](#)

Schubert Symphony No. 8, *Unfinished*
Mahler Symphony No. 1

Tickets: \$45 reserved seating, \$12 general admission. Available at sfsymphony.org, 415-864-6000, or the [Davies Symphony Hall Box Office](#) on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

SFSYO BON VOYAGE CONCERT

[Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.](#)

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA

[Donato Cabrera](#) conductor

[Garrick Ohlsson](#) piano

[San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra](#)

Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor

Prokofiev Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major

Tickets: \$45 reserved seating, \$12 general admission. Available at sfsymphony.org, 415-864-6000, or the [Davies Symphony Hall Box Office](#) on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.



The Youth Orchestra receives generous support from the Phyllis C. Wattis Youth Orchestra Fund, the Richard B. Gump Charitable Remainder Trust for the benefit of Clariiece B. Graham, The Bernard Osher Foundation, the Sidney E. Frank Foundation, the Alexander M. and June L. Maisin Foundation of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund, The Robert and Helen Odell Fund, the Crescent Porter Hale Foundation, the Julia Klumpke Trust, and the National Endowment for the Arts. We are also grateful to the many individual donors who help make this program possible.

The Youth Orchestra subscription series is presented in partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission.

The Music Director's chair of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra is generously supported by the Paul L. and Phyllis Wattis Endowment for the Youth Orchestra Conductor.

The 2012 Youth Orchestra European Tour is supported by The Barbro and Bernard Osher Youth Orchestra Touring Fund.

William Hill® Estate Winery is the Official Wine of the San Francisco Symphony.

-SFS-