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THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES *SUMMER & THE SYMPHONY* CONCERT LINE-UP

Highlights include Orchestra performances of programs devoted to American composers, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Russian composers

Concerts also include the Orchestra performing two *Distant Worlds*: music from *Final Fantasy* programs, *Psycho* with live orchestral accompaniment, Pink Martini, Idina Menzel with the Orchestra, free Dolores Park Mexican Bicentennial celebration and Stern Grove concerts, and traditional Fourth of July concert with fireworks

***Summer & the Symphony* tickets on sale today at 10 a.m.**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – January 20, 2010 – The San Francisco Symphony (SFS) today announced its complete *Summer & the Symphony* concert line-up, including its summer classical concert series at Davies Symphony Hall, which begins July 8 with American music from Copland and Gershwin, including a suite from *Porgy and Bess*, and runs through the all-American Grand Finale on July 24. The Orchestra’s series of classical concerts focuses on individual composers and themes, including concerts devoted to the music of Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, a “New World” program with music by Dvořák, Grofé, and Duke Ellington, and an all-Russian program with music from Mussorgsky and Rachmaninoff.

The Orchestra will also perform this summer in a number of special concerts, including:

- Two concerts of Japanese composer Nobuo Uematsu's music from the top-selling video game series *Final Fantasy*, July 15 and 16, performed by the Orchestra and conducted by Arnie Roth;
- Vocalist Idina Menzel, star of *Wicked* and *Rent*, performs Broadway hits and favorites with the Orchestra July 9;
- A performance July 17 of Bernard Herrmann's score from *Psycho*, accompanying the screening of the classic Hitchcock film;
- Free outdoor community concerts, at Stern Grove July 11 and in Dolores Park July 25. The Dolores Park free concert, a longstanding community tradition, will celebrate the Mexican bicentennial.
- The "little orchestra" [Pink Martini](#) will perform two concerts with the Orchestra June 1 and 2.
- The Orchestra's annual Fourth of July concert and fireworks at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

Tickets for *Summer & the Symphony* concerts (except Fourth of July at Shoreline Amphitheatre) go on sale at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 20 through SF Symphony Ticket Services at 415-864-6000, online at www.sfsymphony.org, and at the box office at Davies Symphony Hall. Tickets for the San Francisco Symphony Fourth of July Celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre will go on sale at a later date.

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

American Composers

SF Symphony Assistant Conductor [Donato Cabrera](#) conducts the Orchestra in an opening night program Thursday, July 8 at 8 p.m. of Copland and Gershwin, including "Summertime," "Bess, You Is My Woman Now," and "My Man's Gone Now" from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, featuring soprano [Alyson Cambridge](#) and bass-baritone [Gordon Hawkins](#). Both singers appear for the first time with the San Francisco Symphony. The all-American evening also includes Copland's *Danzón Cubano* and Four Dance Episodes from *Rodeo*, as well as Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*.

All-Beethoven

[Cabrera](#) again leads the orchestra in an all-Beethoven program Saturday, July 10 at 8 p.m. Pianist [Benjamin Hochman](#), whose first full-length CD features the music of Bach, Berg, and Webern, performs Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5, *Emperor*. The Orchestra also performs the composer's Symphony No. 6, *Pastoral*.

All-Tchaikovsky

Cabrera leads the Orchestra in music from Tchaikovsky, including his Violin Concerto with soloist [Chad Hoopes](#), Sunday, July 18 at 2 p.m. The 15-year-old Hoopes returns to Davies Symphony Hall following his debut with the

Orchestra in the Symphony's 2009 New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball. The program opens with the *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy-Overture, and includes Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio italien* and the *1812* Overture.

Music from the New World

Rising star conductor [Alondra de la Parra](#) returns to lead the Orchestra in three programs, beginning Thursday, July 22 at 8 p.m. with works including Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, *New World*, as well as four songs from Copland's *Old American Songs* ("Simple Gifts," "The Dodger," "I bought me a cat," and "At the River") with baritone [Lucas Meachem](#). The Orchestra will also perform *Sunset* and *Cloudburst* from Grofé's *Grand Canyon Suite* and Ellington's *New World A-Comin'*. De la Parra first conducted the Orchestra in its annual *Día de los Muertos* Family Concert in 2009.

Russian Composers

[Alondra de la Parra](#) conducts Friday, July 23 at 8 p.m. as the Orchestra performs Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Pianist [Joyce Yang](#) performs Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto, and the program opens with Glinka's Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmila*.

Summer & the Symphony Grand Finale

The 2010 *Summer & the Symphony* series closes Saturday, July 24 at 8 p.m. with an all-American Grand Finale featuring John Adams's *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*, Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*, the original jazz band version of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and his *Strike Up the Band*, Charles Ives's *The Unanswered Question* and Variations on "America," and Meredith Willson's *Seventy-Six Trombones*. Conductor [Alondra de la Parra](#) is once again on the podium, and the Orchestra is joined by pianist Sara Davis Buechner and members of the UC Berkeley Marching Band.

SPECIAL CONCERTS

Pink Martini with the San Francisco Symphony

The sound: 1930's Cuban dance orchestra, classical chamber ensemble, Brazilian street band, and Japanese film noir. The band: Pink Martini, an eclectic 12-member "little orchestra." [Pink Martini](#) returns to Davies Symphony Hall to perform two special concerts with the Orchestra at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 2. The Portland, Oregon-based ensemble was created in 1994 by Harvard graduate and classically trained pianist Thomas M. Lauderdale to play at political fundraisers for progressive causes. The group made its European debut at the Cannes Film Festival and in the years following has toured the world to great acclaim. Its latest CD, recorded with the Oregon Symphony, will be released this spring. Equally at home performing its multilingual repertoire on concert stages and in smoky bars, Pink Martini last performed with the San Francisco Symphony in 2009, for two sold-out concerts.

San Francisco Symphony Fourth of July Celebration

Donato Cabrera leads the San Francisco Symphony in its annual Fourth of July concert and celebration at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4 at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View. The concert includes a variety of musical favorites and finishes with a spectacular fireworks show. Special guests, program details, and on-sale information will be announced at a later date.

Idina Menzel with the San Francisco Symphony

Tony Award-winning vocalist Idina Menzel joins the Orchestra Friday, July 9 at 8:00 p.m. Menzel starred as Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, in the original production of *Wicked* on Broadway (she originated the role in 2003 in San Francisco before *Wicked's* Broadway run). She won the Tony Award as Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her performance. Prior to her appearance in *Wicked*, she originated the role of Maureen in *Rent* on Broadway, and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical. Following *Wicked*, Menzel appeared off-Broadway in the Public Theater's production of *See What I Wanna See*, for which she received Drama Desk Award and Drama League Award nominations. She reprised her role as Elphaba in the West End production of *Wicked* at London's Apollo Victoria Theater in 2006. She has released three solo albums, the latest of which is *I Stand*, produced by Glen Ballard. Menzel is scheduled for a spring guest star appearance on the TV series *Glee*.

Free Outdoor Concert at Stern Grove

At 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 11, Donato Cabrera conducts the SF Symphony in its annual free outdoor concert under the eucalyptus trees in beautiful Sigmund Stern Grove in San Francisco. The Orchestra performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, *Pastoral*; Copland's *Danzón Cubano* and Four Dance Episodes from *Rodeo*, and Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*. This concert is presented in association with the Stern Grove Festival. No tickets are required.

[Distant Worlds: music from Final Fantasy](#)

Following last summer's sold-out concert, the Orchestra this year presents two different programs of Japanese composer Nobuo Uematsu's music from the [Final Fantasy](#) series of video games, Thursday, July 15 and Friday, July 16 at 8 p.m. Conductor [Arnie Roth](#) returns, and vocalist [Susan Calloway](#) is the guest on both programs, which include 10 North American premieres. State-of-the-art videos and images will be projected on a big screen above the stage to accompany the performance. *Final Fantasy* is the most popular video game in the role-playing genre and has sold over 85 million copies.

Screening of Hitchcock's Psycho with the San Francisco Symphony

The Orchestra, led by [Donato Cabrera](#), performs Bernard Herrmann's original score to accompany a screening of the classic Alfred Hitchcock film *Psycho*. The performance is Saturday, July 17 at 8 p.m.

Free Outdoor Concert in Dolores Park: the San Francisco Symphony Celebrates Mexico's Bicentennial

At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, the Orchestra performs its annual free outdoor concert in San Francisco's Dolores Park. [Alondra de la Parra](#) leads the Orchestra in works including Márquez's *Danzón No. 2*, Chávez's Symphony No. 2, *Sinfonia India*, and Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, *New World*. Rolón's *El festín de los Enanos* and Moncayo's *Huapango* are also on the program. This year, the concert celebrates the Mexican Bicentennial, and is part of *Vive Tu Independencia, Mexico 2010 Bicentennial*, a Bay Area celebration of Mexico's independence, as well as *Summer & the Symphony*, and is presented in association with the San Francisco Arts Commission. The Consulate General of Mexico and Friends of Mexico 2010 are the official presenters of the *Vive Tu Independencia, Mexico 2010 Bicentennial Campaign and Initiative*, with the goal of celebrating the Bicentennial anniversary of Mexico's independence and the Centennial of its revolution, and highlighting the leadership and accomplishments of Latinos in the Bay Area.

DINING IN DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

From July 8-July 24, *Summer & the Symphony* patrons may enjoy a variety of dining options with nightly cabaret entertainment in Davies Symphony Hall. An array of dining options will be featured throughout all the Davies Symphony Hall lobbies, with limited table seating in the First Tier lobby and Orchestra level. Patrons can also purchase specialty drinks that complement each evening's musical theme.

TICKETS

Tickets for Pink Martini and the San Francisco Symphony June 1 and 2 at Davies Symphony Hall are on sale now through www.sfsymphony.org, SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall box office. Beginning Wednesday, January 20 at 10 a.m., tickets for all *Summer & the Symphony* concerts will be available online at sfsymphony.org/summer, through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, or in person at Davies Symphony Hall. Tickets for the 2010 summer concerts are priced from \$15-\$105. Tickets for concertgoers 17 and under are half-price for selected concerts.

Concert packages available include a "my classic 2" (choose any two [or more] classical concerts and save 20%), and "my classic 6" (a six-concert package including the concerts on July 8, 10, 18, 22, 23, and 24, for 50% off). Groups of 10 or more receive a 20% discount to the *Final Fantasy* concerts and the *Psycho* film and performance, and a 25% discount for all other concerts. Concert packages are available through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, or in person at Davies Symphony Hall only. Group tickets can be purchased by calling (415) 503-5311. Tickets for the San Francisco Symphony Fourth of July Celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre will go on sale at a later date.

A complete concert calendar is attached. For more press information, contact the SFS Communications Department at (415) 503-5474 or publicrelations@sfsymphony.org, or visit www.sfsymphony.org/press.

Chevron is the lead sponsor of Summer & the Symphony.

The free community concert at Dolores Park is sponsored by the Arts Commission of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY
SUMMER & THE SYMPHONY 2010 CONCERT CALENDAR**

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Tuesday, June 1 at 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Pink Martini with the San Francisco Symphony

Pink Martini, ensemble
Donato Cabrera, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM: Sway to the sounds of Pink Martini, reminiscent of a 1930s Cuban dance orchestra, a classical chamber ensemble, a Brazilian street band, and Japanese film noir.

TICKETS: \$20-\$115; available now through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer.

Sunday, July 4 at 8:00 p.m.

Shoreline Amphitheatre
One Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

Fourth of July Concert and Fireworks

Donato Cabrera, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Conductor Donato Cabrera leads the San Francisco Symphony in its annual Fourth of July Celebration, with a fireworks show to follow, at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

Program details, ticket prices, and on sale information will be released at a later date.

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

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

my classic American Composers

Donato Cabrera, conductor
Alyson Cambridge, soprano
Gordon Hawkins, bass-baritone
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Copland / *Danzón Cubano*
Copland / Four Dance Episodes from *Rodeo*
Gershwin / *Cuban Overture*
Gershwin / Music from *Porgy and Bess*

TICKETS: \$15-\$70; 17 & under half-price; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000, online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Friday, July 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Idina Menzel, vocalist
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM: The Tony Award-winning star of *Wicked* and *Rent* joins the Orchestra to sing a selection of Broadway hits and favorites.

TICKETS: \$15-\$70; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Saturday, July 10 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

my classic Beethoven

Donata Cabrera, conductor
Benjamin Hochman, piano
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:
Beethoven / Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major, Opus 73, *Emperor*
Beethoven / Symphony No. 6 in F major, Opus 68, *Pastoral*

TICKETS: \$15-\$70; 17 & under half-price; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Sunday, July 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Sigmund Stern Grove
19th Ave. & Sloat Blvd., San Francisco

Free San Francisco Symphony Concert at Stern Grove

Donato Cabrera, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:
Copland / *Danzón Cubano*
Copland / Four Dance Episodes from *Rodeo*
Gershwin / *Cuban Overture*
Beethoven / Symphony No. 6 in F major, Opus 68, *Pastoral*

TICKETS: This concert is free. No tickets are required. For information, call the Stern Grove Festival Office at (415) 252-6252.

Thursday, July 15 at 8:00 p.m.
Friday, July 16 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Distant Worlds: music from Final Fantasy
With state-of-the-art videos and images on the big screen

Arnie Roth, conductor
Susan Calloway, vocalist
San Francisco Symphony

July 15 PROGRAM:

Nobuo Uematsu / Final Fantasy VII: Opening – Bombing Mission
/ Final Fantasy VIII: Don't be Afraid
/ Memoro de la Stono – Distant Worlds*
/ Final Fantasy I-III: Medley 2002
/ Final Fantasy IX: Prima Vista*
/ Final Fantasy XII: Kiss Me Goodbye*
/ Final Fantasy VII: Main Theme*
/ 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 X: To Zanarkand
/ Final Fantasy XI: Ronfaure
/ Final Fantasy XIV: Medley*
/ Final Fantasy VI: Opera “Maria and Draco”
/ Final Fantasy VI: Terra's Theme

July 16 PROGRAM:

Nobuo Uematsu / Final Fantasy VII: Opening – Bombing Mission
/ Final Fantasy VIII: Don't be Afraid
/ Memoro de la Stono – Distant Worlds*
/ Final Fantasy IX: Melodies of Life*
/ Final Fantasy IX: Prima Vista*
/ Final Fantasy V: Dear Friends
/ Final Fantasy IX: Vamo' alla Flamenco
/ Final Fantasy VII: Aerith's Theme
/ Final Fantasy VII: J-E-N-O-V-A*
/ Final Fantasy VIII: The Man With The Machine Gun
/ Final Fantasy X: Sutekidane*
/ Final Fantasy VI: Dancing Mad*
/ Final Fantasy series: Swing de Chocobo
/ Final Fantasy VIII: Love Grows
/ Final Fantasy: FFXIV*

*North American premiere

TICKETS: \$30-\$105; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Saturday, July 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* with the San Francisco Symphony

Donato Cabrera, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Bernard Herrmann / *Psycho* (film screening with live orchestral accompaniment)

TICKETS: \$30-\$70; 17 & under half-price; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Sunday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

my classic Tchaikovsky

Donato Cabrera, conductor
Chad Hoopes, violin
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Tchaikovsky / *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy-Overture
Tchaikovsky / Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 35
Tchaikovsky / *Capriccio italien*, Opus 45
Tchaikovsky / *1812* Overture, Opus 49

TICKETS: \$15-\$70; 17 & under half-price; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Thursday, July 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

my classic New World

Alondra de la Parra, conductor
Lucas Meachem, baritone
TBD, piano
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Ellington / *New World A-Comin'*
Copland / *Selections from Old American Songs* ("The Dodger," "Simple Gifts," "I bought me a cat," "At the River")
Grofé / *Sunset and Cloudburst* from *Grand Canyon Suite*
Dvořák / *Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Opus 95, New World*

TICKETS: \$15-\$70; 17 & under half-price; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Friday, July 23 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

my classic Russian Composers

Alondra de la Parra, conductor
Joyce Yang, piano
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Glinka / Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmila*
Rachmaninoff / Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Opus 30
Mussorgsky (arr. Ravel) / *Pictures at an Exhibition*

TICKETS: \$15-\$70; 17 & under half-price; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Saturday, July 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall
201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Summer & the Symphony Grand Finale

Alondra de la Parra, conductor
Sara Davis Buechner, piano
TBD, narrator
Members of the UC Berkeley Marching Band
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Adams / *Short Ride in a Fast Machine (Fanfare for Great Woods)*
Ives / *The Unanswered Question*
Copland / *Lincoln Portrait*
Ives / Variations on "America"
Gershwin / *Rhapsody in Blue* (original jazz band version)
Gershwin / *Strike Up the Band*
Willson / *Seventy-Six Trombones*

TICKETS: \$15-\$90; 17 & under half-price; available Wednesday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m. through SFS Ticket Services at (415) 864-6000 or online at sfsymphony.org/summer, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office.

Sunday, July 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Dolores Park, 18th & Dolores
San Francisco

Free San Francisco Symphony Concert at Dolores Park

Alondra de la Parra, conductor
San Francisco Symphony

PROGRAM:

Márquez / *Danzón No. 2*
Chávez / *Symphony No. 2, Sinfonia India*
Rolón / *El festín de los Enanos*
Moncayo / *Huapango*

Dvořák / Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Opus 95, *New World*

This free concert is a celebration of the Mexican bicentennial. No tickets are required. The event is part of *Vive Tu Independencia, Mexico 2010 Bicentennial*, a Bay Area celebration of Mexico's independence and the *Summer & the Symphony* series, and is presented in association with the San Francisco Arts Commission. For information, call (415) 864-6000 or visit sfsymphony.org/summer.

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