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(High resolution images of Francesco Lecce-Chong, David Fray, and the San Francisco Symphony are available for download from the San Francisco Symphony's [Online Photo Library](#).)

**FRANCESCO LECCE-CHONG LEADS THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, MARKING HIS
SFS CONDUCTING DEBUT, JUNE 6–8 AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

**Program includes Verdi's Overture to *I vespri siciliani*, Elgar's *In the South (Alassio)*,
Mozart's Ballet Music from *Idomeneo*, and pianist David Fray performing Mozart's Piano
Concerto No. 24 in C minor**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—American conductor [Francesco Lecce-Chong](#) makes his San Francisco Symphony (SFS) conducting debut with a program of symphonic and operatic treasures by Mozart, Verdi, and Elgar, **June 6–8** at Davies Symphony Hall. Currently serving as Music Director & Conductor of the Eugene Symphony and Music Director of the Santa Rosa Symphony, Lecce-Chong has garnered acclaim for his dynamic performances, commitment to innovative programming, and profound engagement in community outreach. In these concerts, Lecce-Chong leads the SFS in **Verdi's** powerful **Overture** to his opera *I vespri siciliani*, **Elgar's** vivacious *In the South (Alassio)*, and **Mozart's** rarely performed **Ballet Music from *Idomeneo***. Also on the program is **Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor**, featuring distinguished French pianist [David Fray](#). Being one of only two concertos that Mozart composed in a minor key, the brooding darkness of the Piano Concerto No. 24 makes it unique among Mozart's catalogue of compositions. This concert program replaces the originally announced Grieg's Piano Concerto, which was to be performed by Nikolai Lugansky.

Calendar editors, please note:

All concerts take place at Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco.

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.

Pre-Order Food and Drinks: Concertgoers may pre-order food and beverages by calling 415-252-1937 or emailing Global Gourmet Catering staff at davieshallpreorder@ggcatering.com before the performance to place an order.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY, FRANCESCO LECCE-CHONG CONDUCTING

[Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Friday, June 7, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 8 pm](#)

[Francesco Lecce-Chong](#) conductor

[David Fray](#) piano

San Francisco Symphony

MOZART

Ballet Music from *Idomeneo*, K.367

MOZART

Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K.491

VERDI

Overture to *I vespri siciliani*

ELGAR

In the South (Alassio), Opus 50

Tickets: \$20–156

Pre-Concert Talk: Laura Stanfield Prichard will give an “Inside Music” talk from the stage one hour prior to each concert. Free to all concert ticket holders; doors open 15 minutes before.

Broadcast / Archived Stream: A broadcast of these performances will air Tuesday, June 18 at 8 pm on Classical KDFC 90.3 San Francisco, 104.9 San Jose, 89.9 Napa, and kdfc.com where it will be available for on demand streaming for 21 days following the broadcast.

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