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**SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY MUSICIANS PERFORM AT PUBLIC SOLIDARITY
CONCERT FOR THE NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS, MONDAY, APRIL 29 AT GRACE
CATHEDRAL IN SAN FRANCISCO**

**San Francisco Symphony joins with City of San Francisco, French Consulate, and Grace
Cathedral to perform concert with San Francisco Opera, American Bach Soloists, and
Organist Johann Vexo**

Concert is free and open to the public

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—The San Francisco Symphony (SFS) performs in a Public Solidarity Concert for the Notre-Dame de Paris on April 29 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed, the French Consulate, and Grace Cathedral announced the event on Monday which features performances by members of the San Francisco Symphony; American Bach Soloists and American Bach Choir; mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade; San Francisco Opera Adler Fellow Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen; Johann Vexo, organist from the Notre-Dame de Paris; and the Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys.

“In times of loss, music has the unique power to bring people together, to illuminate a path forward, and to remind us of the humanity that we all share around the globe,” said San Francisco Symphony Chief Executive Officer Mark C. Hanson. “As our sister city navigates the aftermath of this devastating fire at Notre-Dame de Paris, the San Francisco Symphony looks forward to joining with our friends and colleagues at Grace Cathedral, Mayor London N. Breed’s office, San Francisco’s French Consulate, and our fellow arts organizations to stand in solidarity with the people of Paris and to offer a message of solace and healing.”

Members of the San Francisco Symphony will perform Debussy's String Quartet, Kamen's Quintet for Brass, and a joint performance of *Ave Maria* with Frederica von Stade, Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen, Johann Vexo, American Bach Choir, and the Grace Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys. The concert program also includes remarks from San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed, Bishop of California the Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, the Dean of Grace Cathedral the Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young, and the Consul General of France Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens.

"San Francisco is proud to stand in solidarity with the people of Paris, our sister city, and the world to celebrate the beauty, spirit and resilience of Notre Dame de Paris," said Mayor Breed. "Watching Notre-Dame burn was devastating, just as it was also horrible to witness a series of historic Louisiana churches burnt in recent arson attacks. Our houses of worship hold a special place for our cities and our people, and we are proud to support the people of Paris as they begin the work to rebuild the iconic monument in the heart of their city."

"Watching Notre-Dame de Paris engulfed in flames was a shock for all Paris lovers," said Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens, Consul General of France. "Beyond a monument and an architectural masterpiece, it is a part of the world history of art and our common identity that was being damaged. I am very grateful to San Francisco Mayor London Breed for the organization of this concert at Grace Cathedral and would like to acknowledge all the many ways of support that we have received during the past week. This concert will allow all of us to find comfort in the beauty of music, and the strength to move on to the phase of reconstruction of our beloved cathedral."

Tickets: Concert is free and open to the public; reservations are required:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-solidarity-concert-for-notre-dame-de-paris-tickets-60728857648>

Calendar editors, please note:

PUBLIC SOLIDARITY CONCERT FOR NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS with MEMBERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6 pm](#)

Grace Cathedral
1100 California St. San Francisco, CA, 94108

Frederica von Stade mezzo-soprano

Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen countertenor

Johann Vexo organ

Musicians of the San Francisco Symphony

Musicians of the San Francisco Opera

American Bach Soloists & American Bach Choir Jeffery Thomas, conductor

Grace Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys Benjamin Bachmann, Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music

ALLEGRI

Miserere mei Deus

Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

VIERNE

Messe solennelle, Opus 16

III. Sanctus

IV. Benedictus

Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

Johann Vexo organ

DEBUSSY

String Quartet in G Minor, Opus 10

III. Andantino, document expressif

Wyatt Underhill violin

Jessie Fellow violin

Matthew Young viola

Barbara Bogatin cello

DUPARC

Chanson triste

L'invitation au voyage

Aryeh Nussbaum Cohen countertenor

Kseniia Polstiankina Barrad piano

POULENC

"Les Anges musiciens" from *La Courte Paille*, FP 178, no. 5

Priez pour paix, FP 95

Frederica von Stade mezzo-soprano

Kseniia Polstiankina Barrad piano

KAMEN

Quintet

Aaron Schuman trumpet

Jeff Biancalana trumpet

Robert Ward horn

Timothy Higgins trombone

John Engelkes tuba

VIERNE

Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Opus 20

I: Allegro

Johann Vexo organ

CLÉRAMBAULT

Sonata in G major, "*La Félicité*"

CASSANÉA DE MONDONVILLE

Selections from Grand motet: *Cantate Domino*

American Bach Soloists & American Bach Choir

Steven Brennfleck haute-contre

Constantine Novotny basse-taille

Jeffery Thomas conductor

Ave Maria (Gregorian Chant), setting by Eric Choate