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*(Images of Michael Francis, the New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball, and Susanna Phillips are available for download from [SF Symphony Photo Library](#))*

## **THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY CELEBRATES THE NEW YEAR WITH ITS ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE MASQUERADE BALL MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 8 P.M. AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL**

**Celebration includes SF Symphony Orchestra performance, dancing to The Martini Brothers, Super Diamond, and The Peter Mintun Orchestra, and cocktail party with desserts and savories in the auditorium and lobbies of Davies Symphony Hall**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (November 26, 2012)** – The San Francisco Symphony welcomes 2013 with its annual New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball December 31, 2012. [Michael Francis](#) leads the Orchestra and soprano [Susanna Phillips](#) in a concert with the Orchestra of well-loved waltzes, and masked party-goers dance the night away before and after the Orchestra's performance to the big band sounds of the Peter Mintun Orchestra, the swing music of the Martini Brothers, and Super Diamond playing Neil Diamond covers. Revelers anticipate the countdown to 2013 with complimentary sparkling wine, beginning right after the Orchestra concert, and culminating in a celebratory toast and a massive balloon drop at midnight.

The December 31 event stars the San Francisco Symphony, conductor [Michael Francis](#), soprano [Susanna Phillips](#), and members of Dance Through Time. Everyone attending the event receives a complimentary mask as they enter the beautifully decorated lobby. Beginning at 8 p.m., [The Martini Brothers](#) entertain and perform their "swingin' cocktail music" in the lobby. Starting at 9 p.m., the San Francisco Symphony, led by Francis, performs with dancers from Dance Through Time on stage in Davies Symphony Hall. Following the Symphony concert, guests are invited to celebrate and dance on the Davies Hall stage to The Peter Mintun Orchestra. [Super Diamond](#), covering the hits and gems of Neil Diamond, entertains in the First Tier lobby. Immediately following the Symphony performance, guests enjoy complimentary

sparkling wine, desserts, savories, and party favors. As the clock strikes midnight, 2,013 colorful balloons cascade from the ceiling and the crowd welcomes in 2013.

A special pre-concert dinner package includes a cocktail reception beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a sumptuous three-course dinner (wine included) in the lobby of the War Memorial Opera House. The dinner package also includes sparkling wine served in the Loge Level lobby at intermission. Dinner packages begin at \$160. Parking is included. Call the Davies Symphony Hall box office for more details on the special pre-concert dinners at (415) 864-6000, or visit [www.sfsymphony.org](http://www.sfsymphony.org).

Susanna Phillips received the Metropolitan Opera's prestigious 2010 Beverly Sills Artist Award. This season, her fifth at the Met, she performs as Donna Anna in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. She sings the role of Stella in Previn's *A Streetcar Named Desire* at Carnegie Hall, and makes her solo recital debut there.

Michael Francis is a San Francisco Symphony audience favorite, having conducted the 2011 New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball concert and the 2011 and 2012 *Summer & the Symphony* classical concerts.

#### CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASQUERADE BALL**

Monday, December 31 at 9 pm  
Davies Symphony Hall  
201 Van Ness Avenue

#### **Pre-concert Performance:**

**The Martini Brothers** *with dancing in the Davies Symphony Hall lobby*

#### **Orchestra program:**

**Michael Francis** *conductor*

**Susanna Phillips** *soprano*

**Dance Through Time** *dancers*

**Members of the San Francisco Symphony**

**Strauss, Jr.** Overture to *Die Fledermaus*

**Tchaikovsky (arr. Stravinsky)** Bluebird Pas de deux from *The Sleeping Beauty*, Opus 66

**Strauss, Jr.** *Voices of Spring* Waltz, Opus 410

**Elgar** *Chanson de Nuit*

**Strauss, Jr.** *Perpetuum Mobile*, Opus 257

**Delibes** Dance of the Automatons and Waltz from *Coppelia*, Suite No. 1

**Rodgers (arr. Walter)** *Carousel* Waltz from *Carousel*

**Gershwin** "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess*

**Herbert** "Italian Street Song" from *Naughty Marietta*

**Strauss, Jr.** *By the Beautiful Blue Danube* Waltz, Opus 314

#### **Post-Concert Performances:**

**The Peter Mintun Orchestra** *with dancing on the Davies Symphony Hall stage*

**Super Diamond** *in the First Tier lobby*

#### **TICKETS:**

\$85-\$195. Tickets are available at [sfsymphony.org](http://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. Order a special pre-concert dinner package and enjoy a cocktail reception beginning at 6pm followed by a 3-course dinner in the lobby of the War Memorial Opera House. Dinner packages also include complimentary sparkling wine at intermission in the Loge level lobby and begin at \$160. To reserve your place at the pre-concert dinner, call 415-864-6000.



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