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TELEVISION AND BROADWAY ACTOR JOSHUA DELA CRUZ NARRATES THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF *PETER AND THE WOLF*, DECEMBER 15

Dela Cruz hosts Nickelodeon's *Blue's Clues and You!* and has performed in Broadway and off-Broadway productions, including *Aladdin, Here Lies Love, The King and I, and Merrily We* Roll Alona

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Actor **Joshua Dela Cruz** joins the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra to narrate its annual performance of Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, conducted by Wattis Foundation Music Director Radu Paponiu, on December 15. Dela Cruz is best known as the host of Nickelodeon's *Blue's Clues and You!* He is the third host of the *Blue's Clues* franchise and the first Asian American to fill the role. He has also performed in Broadway and off-Broadway productions, including *Aladdin*, *Here Lies Love*, *The King and I*, and *Merrily We Roll Along*.

The Youth Orchestra's performance of *Peter and the Wolf* is an annual holiday favorite and has been a regular part of the Orchestra's season since 1985. Past narrators have included Richard Dreyfuss, John Lithgow, Bobby McFerrin, Tom Kenny, Rita Moreno, Kathy Najimy, Linda Ronstadt, Sharon Stone, W.

Kamau Bell, SF Symphony Music Director Laureate Michael Tilson Thomas, and the late Leonard Nimoy and Robin Williams, among many other lauded actors, comedians, musicians, and public figures.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Tickets

Tickets for concerts at Davies Symphony Hall can be purchased via <u>sfsymphony.org</u> or by calling the San Francisco Symphony Box Office at 415.864.6000.

Location

Davies Symphony Hall is located at 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco.

HOLIDAY

San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra: *Peter and the Wolf* Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 2:00pm

Radu Paponiu conductor
Joshua Dela Cruz narrator
San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra

ANTONIN DVOŘÁK Slavonic Dance in C major, Opus 72, no.7

PIOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY Selections from The Nutcracker Suite

TRADITIONAL Mis Zeh Hidlik

JOHANN STRAUSS, JR. *Thunder and Lightning* Polka

SERGEI PROKOFIEV Peter and the Wolf

TRADITIONAL Carol Sing-along

Tickets: \$15-150

Ticket link: https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buv-Tickets/2024-25/peter-and-the-wolf

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