

HOLIDAYS 2023

MUSICAL NOTES

Official Newsletter of the Santa Cruz Symphony League

Wings of Glory Gala Planned

Reserve your seat today for a swinging great time at the Wings of Glory Gala! Celebrate an era of high fashion, lively music, and glamorous movie stars. Gussy up in your favorite vintage style, and dance the night away with your sweetie while listening to the tunes of the Swinging Blue Stars and the John Michael Sinatra Band. Exciting silent and live auction items, and a gourmet dinner will be included. Tickets are \$200 per person. RSVP by contacting Cheryl Hammond at (831) 475-9482. Buy tickets online at SantaCruzSymphonyLeague.org

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RECITAL OF CELEBRATION

Turkish pianist, Hakan Ali Toker, has something to celebrate! A childhood accident progressively reduced his ability to hear a full range of sound, but surgery a few months ago changed his entire world. Now he can hear his music the same way his audience does.

"I had no idea the difference would be so huge! Now that everything is much louder and clearer, I feel like saying less with fewer notes. Every sound has meaning and a spiritual effect on me now." Hakan says.

Hakan invites you to help celebrate his medical marvel with a piano extravaganza that will feature classical standards by Bach, Brahms, and Chopin, as well as his own compositions and arrangements. Maestro Daniel Stewart will join him on several of his works for viola and piano.

WHEN: Sunday, November 5 @ 2:00pm
PLACE: Samper Hall, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos
PRICE: \$55 per person

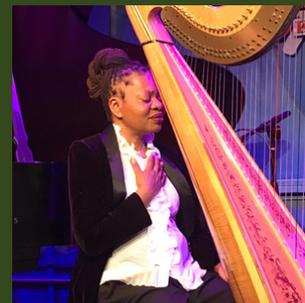
For tickets, order at **SantaCruzSymphony.org** or call **(831) 479-6154**.



Recital Dates

Destiny Muhammad
DEC 17

Samper Recital Hall
A masterful jazz singer, composer, harpist, and band leader with soulful stage magic!



Dr. Gwendolyn Mok
JAN 7

Samper Recital Hall
An internationally acclaimed piano soloist with spellbinding virtuosity!





Orchestra Refreshments

Musicians and guest performers travel from far and wide to perform with the Santa Cruz Symphony. During their time here, they spend countless hours preparing to perfect the performances for our concerts. They often have little time to eat between their commitments to the various rehearsals and preconcert events they attend. Show your appreciation to them by supporting Feed the Orchestra, which provides refreshments to musicians and guest performers during concert rehearsals!

How can you help?

- Mail a check for "Feed the Orchestra" to:
*Santa Cruz Symphony League
c/o Mark & Roy Chambers-Bray
157 Willow
Felton, CA 95018*
- Sign-up to volunteer to provide refreshments or serve refreshments. Smiling faces and helping hands are always welcome! Contact Dan & Vickie Rutan at (831) 475-4939 for details.



THANK YOU Orchestra Refreshment Donors

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Concert Preview: Operas of Seville

The League welcomed new Concertmaster, Nancy Zhou at our Concert Preview on Friday, October 20. Held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, the event featured Maestro Daniel Stewart sharing stories behind the music compositions of Beethoven, Bizet, Mozart, Rossini, Verdi, and Waxman. Guests had the unique opportunity to experience Nancy perform a private solo, and understand the Operas of Seville concert on a deeper level. Nancy not only wowed the crowd with her violin, but also her friendly, personable demeanor with guests. She was all smiles and shared personal stories of her life as a world travelling soloist.

Don't miss the next Concert Preview on **Friday, January 19**. Tickets available online at www.SantaCruzSymphonyLeague.org, or contact Sheila Vaughn at (831) 662-8908 to reserve your seat today. Space is limited, so don't delay.

Photo by Kevin Monahan



Member Spotlight



Don't let the petite size and dainty demeanor of Kate Sutherland fool you into underestimating her. As a World War II Air Force Veteran, she is the fierce force today's youth aspire to be!

After a thirty year career as a K-12th grade Teacher, she decided to retire and focus her time on family, friends, and travel.

Although she kept busy after retirement, she felt a need to give back to the community that was supportive and included her interest in classical music, theater and dance.

As a frequent attendee at the Santa Cruz Symphony, Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music, and San Francisco Ballet, Kate has been deep rooted in the world of music for decades. When asked to join the Symphony League Board of Directors she accepted, initially serving as Co-Chair of the Home Tour for a few seasons. She eventually became Director of Education & Previews, a role she continues to fill today.

Kate lives in Aptos, close to her expanding family and church, and enjoys planning Concert Previews to provide music education for people of all ages.



Youth Quartet Performs for League

Guests of our Annual Twilight Picnic were impressed by the music performance of violinists from the Santa Cruz County Youth Symphony. Held on October 13 at Paradise Park, the event welcomed potential new members with details of the current season from Maestro Daniel Stewart, who took time out of his busy schedule to chat with guests and enjoy an evening under the redwoods with a gourmet dinner. Gerry Mandel, Operations Manager of the Youth Symphony, was in attendance and beamed with pride as the young violinists shared stories about their chosen compositions.

Photo by Kevin Monahan



Mark Your Calendar

The Symphony League always has something new & exciting planned! Mark your calendar and join us at this season's events:

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| JAN 19, 2024 | Concert Preview: Daphnis & Chloe |
| FEB 10, 2024 | Wings of Glory Gala |
| MAR 22, 2024 | Concert Preview: Festivals |
| MAY 3, 2024 | Concert Preview: Bach B Minor Mass |
| JUN 1 & 2, 2024 | Home & Garden Tour |

Purchase tickets at: SantaCruzSymphonyLeague.org

Concert Dates

Daphnis & Chloe

JAN 20 & 21

Mahler: Adagio from Symphony No. 10

Jean Ahn: Ja-Jang for Gayageum

Ravel: Daphnis et Chloe 2nd Suite

Festivals

MAR 23 & 24

Jose Granero: Matsuri Overture

Schumann: Cello Concerto

Stravinsky: Petrushka

Bach: B Minor Mass

MAY 4 & 5

Popular concerts sell out, so secure your seats early.

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