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Joshua Kosman, Jesse Hamlin, Chronicle Staff Report  
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### Cellist wins top prize

Oakland cellist **David Requiro** was one of two first-prize winners in this month's Walter W. Naumburg International Violoncello Competition in New York City. The prize, which he shared with Swiss cellist **Anita Leuzinger**, brings a cash award of \$6,000, a New York debut recital and other recital and orchestral engagements.



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**Requiro**, 23, is a graduate student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In 2006, he won first prize in the Irving M. Klein International String Competition at San Francisco State University. In January, he is scheduled to perform **Tchaikovsky's** "Rococo Variations" with the **Marin Symphony** under Music Director **Alasdair Neale**.

- Joshua Kosman

### Free July 4th concert

Festival del Sole in the Napa Valley will present a free Independence Day Concert at 5:30 p.m. July Fourth at the Lincoln Theater in Yountville.

The concert features the **Napa Valley Symphony** in an all-American program that includes the world premiere of **Nolan Gasser's** "American Festivals," with mezzo-soprano **Jill Grove** and baritone **Eric Owens** as soloists, and actor **Craig T. Nelson** as narrator. **Asher Raboy** will conduct a program that also includes **Gershwin's** "Rhapsody in Blue" with 13-year-old pianist **Conrad Tao** as soloist.

For information, call (707) 226-8742 or go to [www.festivaldelsole.com](http://www.festivaldelsole.com).

- Joshua Kosman

### Bay Area art honored

Every year, **Americans for the Arts**, a nonprofit that nurtures cultural efforts around the country, picks the best public artworks from the previous year. Of the 45 public works honored last week in Philadelphia at the organization's annual convention, three are from the Bay Area: the giant bronze spider by **Louise Bourgeois** along San Francisco's Embarcadero, an architectural installation by San Francisco artist **Amy Trachtenberg** at San Jose's new Hillview Library, and a trio of custom-made tables at San Jose's Martin Luther King Jr. Library created by a group of local artists under the direction of the noted North Carolina artist **Mel Chin** and inspired by Latino culture and lowrider car design.

Bourgeois' "Crouching Spider," installed by the **San Francisco Arts Commission** with the help of **Gallery Paule Anglim**, is on loan from the sculptor's studio through next spring but could stay here longer.



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Trachtenberg's "Groundwork," which riffs on the Santa Clara Valley's fruit-growing and canning history, is a series of columns in the entry rotunda. Trachtenberg ringed the rotunda with a 26-painting mural titled "The Shadow Frieze" that includes an assemblage made from old fruit crates.

Trachtenberg's piece was commissioned by the **San Jose Public Art Program**, which also commissioned a series of installations from Chin, among them "Raza Writers," the collective title of the tables by **Jeanne Jabbour, Abraham Ortega, Matthew and Sam Rodriguez**, and **Huong Nguyen**. - Jesse Hamlin

### 'Apollos' praise grows

In 1981, a group of Oakland Technical High School seniors, calling themselves **the Apollos**, fought to make Martin Luther King Jr. Day a recognized state holiday. Twenty-five years later, **Jazmin Jones** was attending John F. Kennedy High School in Fremont and **Nick Parker** was a student at San Francisco's Lowell High School when they decided to make a six-minute documentary about the group's groundbreaking efforts for their youth internship at BAVC, the noncommercial media access and training center in San Francisco.

Their film, "The Apollos," which includes interviews with former Oakland Tech faculty and students, as well as historical documents and sound clips, has won national recognition, screening in the Media That Matters festival (nationwide), the Urban Visionaries Youth Film Festival (New York), and the ATA Film and Video Festival (San Francisco). This Wednesday, Jones and Parker will be in Washington, D.C., to pick up another honor: a Human and Civil Rights Award from the National Education Association. To view "The Apollos," go to [www.bavc.org/nextgen](http://www.bavc.org/nextgen).

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### Merola Opera shows

Summer performances by the participants in the **San Francisco Opera Center's** Merola Opera Program include staged productions of Britten's "Albert Herring" and Mozart's "Don Giovanni" as well as several concert programs of operatic arias and ensembles.

"Albert Herring," conducted by **Mark Morash** and directed by **Peter Kazaras**, plays at 8 p.m. July 18 and 2 p.m. July 20. "Don Giovanni," conducted by **Gary Wedow** and directed by **Catherine Malfitano**, plays at 8 p.m. Aug. 1 and at 2 p.m. Aug. 3.

Also on the schedule are the Schwabacher Summer Concert, presented free at 2 p.m. July 6 at Yerba Buena Gardens and again at 7:30 p.m. on July 8 at Herbst Theatre, and the Grand Finale at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 at the War Memorial Opera House with conductor **Joel Revzen**.

Tickets: \$40-\$60. Call (415) 864-3330 or go to [www.sfopera.com](http://www.sfopera.com).

- Joshua Kosman

### Line items

-- **The San Francisco Foundation** has awarded Shenson Performing Arts Fellowships to five local artists. The \$5,000 advancement grants went to dancer **David Harvey**, actor **Nicholas Pelczar**, opera singer **Daveda Karanas**, vocalist **Eleazar Rodriguez** and spoken-word artist **Jose Vadi**.

-- **The Peninsula Girls Chorus** has been named the 2008 recipient of the Chorus America/ASCAP Award for adventurous programming of contemporary music. Given to only one children's or youth chorus in North America each year, the award recognizes a chorus for challenging programming of new music.

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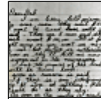
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