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**MARIN SYMPHONY ASKS,
“WHAT DOES THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE SOUND LIKE?”**

February 23, 2011 – San Rafael – The Marin Symphony is asking Bay Area residents to help in the creation of a musical composition honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, May 2012. The Marin Symphony and composer Rob Kapilow are joining forces with the public to gather stories and feedback about the Golden Gate Bridge.

Recently Kapilow met with school children, music students, the retirement community, a tug boat captain and the former Marin County coroner to name a few...asking them “What does the Golden Gate Bridge sound like?” Over the course of one year the Symphony will engage the community in the *Golden Gate Opus*, a one-of-a-kind project where community voices will help in determining the shape of a this new piece of music. The Marin Symphony is to premiere it in May 2012.

In April 2011, Kapilow returns to the Bay Area to continue his data collection and conversation with the community about the Golden Gate Bridge. The input he receives is ultimately to be the inspiration for the piece. “I’m coming there with a clean slate. I have no idea what it will eventually sound like. But a new piece of music should engage an entire community, so every meeting I have with every person is the symphony to me.”

Kapilow, well known for engaging the public, hosted NPR’s “What Makes It Great?” for ten years and authored the book “All You Have To Do Is Listen”. His “Citypiece” composition “Summer Sun, Winter Moon” was turned into a film documentary that has been broadcast more than 200 times on Public Television since 2009. Characterized by his unique ability to create an ‘aha’ moment for his audiences, Kapilow truly makes music *fun* for a wider audience.

The Marin Symphony is accepting videos, pictures, sound clips, poems and comments on its Golden Gate Opus Facebook page. The community is invited to Share experiences on the Golden Gate Opus Facebook wall or send an email to greatmusic@marinsymphony.org. Mr. Kapilow is dedicated to the collaborative nature of this project and will be checking in on the Facebook page and read each email.

Under the leadership of **Music Director Alasdair Neale the Marin Symphony**, now in its 58th year, presents five pairs of classical concerts in the Marin Center from October through May. Additionally, concerts such as the Holiday Concerts, Family Concerts and Prelude Recitals are offered with pride to the community for inspiration and enrichment.

If you would like more information about the *Golden Gate Opus* or would like to schedule and interview with Rob Kapilow please contact **Kerry Faith Weddington by email at kerry@marinsymphony.org or phone at (415) 479-8100.**