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**MARIN SYMPHONY'S HOLIDAY CONCERTS BY CANDLELIGHT  
CONTINUE A FAVORITE YULETIDE TRADITION**

Concerts December 5 & 6 to feature chorus, small ensembles,  
instrumental music, carols and an audience sing-along.

SAN RAFAEL, CA— The historic Church of San Raphael in downtown San Rafael, its chancel candlelit and decorated with poinsettias, is again to be the setting for the Symphony's annual two-performance offering, concerts that for three decades have ushered in the holiday season for hosts of Marin County families.

On Saturday, December 5 at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 6 at 4:00pm the Marin Symphony presents its "Holiday Concerts by Candlelight".

Featured will be the Symphony's own Chamber Chorus. Also in the festive mix will be soloists, a small ensemble singing in a circle in the center of the audience, a string quintet, oboist, flutist, harpist, organist and pianist presenting this musical yuletide tradition – one that has delighted and brought together entire families of Marin residents for years.

In keeping with tradition, the program includes an audience carol sing-along with a hearty rendition of the much-loved "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" in the glow of hundreds of hand-held lighted candles to cap this memorable event.

The Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus is a sub-group of the Marin Symphony Chorus, which itself is comprised of some of the best vocalists of Marin County. Selected by rigorous auditioning, these Chamber vocalists work together throughout the year for ensemble and musical artistry. Featured this season is soprano soloist Britt La Gatta, a longstanding member of the Chorus, well known throughout the Bay Area for her technical mastery.

For the past nine years Marin Symphony Choral Director Stephen McKersie has been melding varied musical elements to bring these annual holiday-spirited events to eagerly-anticipated audiences.

Marin Symphony Holiday Concerts by Candlelight are sponsored by Fireman's Fund Insurance Company with candlelight portion sponsored by Wells Fargo.

Concerts will be held at The Church of Saint Raphael, 1104 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael.

***Highly acclaimed by residents of Marin County, these open-seating holiday concerts often sell out, so audience members are encouraged to buy their tickets well in advance.***

Tickets at \$30 per person in advance; \$35 at the door. Order online [www.marinsymphony.org](http://www.marinsymphony.org) or call the Symphony Office at 415.479.8100.

### **About the Marin Symphony**

Each year the Marin Symphony Orchestra presents five pairs of classical concerts in the Marin Veteran's Civic Auditorium from October through May. Established in 1954, the organization supports a variety of performance and outreach education programs including the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra, Crescendo Workshops and the Symphony@Schools program. To learn more visit [www.marinsymphony.org](http://www.marinsymphony.org) or call 415.479.8100.

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