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Introducing Your Marin Symphony's New 2011-2012 Concert Season

Fresh. Local. Music.

Celebrating Maestro Alasdair Neale's 10th anniversary, Sunday performances at 3pm, five exciting concert sets and the world premiere of the Symphony's Golden Gate Opus

SAN RAFAEL, CA – The Marin Symphony's 59th season is filled with inspirational artists and performances, new matinee times for its Sunday concerts, dynamic programs created by Music Director Alasdair Neale and a once-in-a-lifetime year-round event: The Golden Gate Opus.

The Season kicks off with its opening concert at 3pm, Sunday, October 2 at the Marin Center with the After-Party immediately following.

This 2011-12 concert season marks Maestro Alasdair Neale's 10th anniversary as Music Director of the Marin Symphony.

Alasdair Neale previews what he has prepared for audiences in the 2011-2012 season. "I'm very excited to present this season of programs of the Marin Symphony. I've assembled a mixture of pieces both familiar and unfamiliar that I hope will provide a stimulating and enjoyable experience for our audiences as well as attract people to the Symphony for the first time. I'm particularly happy to announce the commission by the orchestra of a new piece by composer Rob Kapilow in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. This is sure to be a season highlight as well as the focus of considerable media attention."

The Symphony's brilliant new season opens with **Totally Tchaikovsky** and guest pianist **Orion Weiss**, who has performed with dozens of top orchestras and toured the world with the likes of Itzhak Perlman. Next, **Visionary Mahler** features Mahler's First Symphony and piano virtuoso **Monica Ohuchi** performing a contemporary piece written by **Kenji Bunch**—one of the most prominent of a new generation of American composers. The third program, **Youthful Brilliance**, celebrates the genius of **Nathan Chan** playing an impassioned Elgar Cello Concerto and wraps up with Dvořák's "New World" Symphony. Nathan Chan, at 17, has conducted symphonies, performed as a soloist with major orchestras, appeared in an HBO documentary, and collaborated with Roberta Flack on a Beatles recording project. Program four, **Ingenious Interplay**, features Marin Symphony Concertmaster **Jeremy Constant**, performing Bach's Brandenburg Concertos and an

adventurous work by Arvo Pärt. The season finale: **Beethoven and the Bridge**—the world premiere of the **Marin Symphony's commissioned Golden Gate Opus** by **Rob Kapilow** celebrating the voices of our local community and sounds inspired by the Bridge—and Beethoven's joyous and dramatic Symphony No. 9.

Subscribe to the new season

"I'm thrilled to announce our 59th spectacular season of performances and events," Executive Director Noralee Monestere states. "This is a very special year for us. For our opening in October, we present an all-Tchaikovsky program (including the 1812 Overture) with an After-Party celebrating Maestro Neale's 10th Anniversary Season. We close in May with Beethoven 9 and a work we commissioned to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. It's a season of celebration as we inaugurate new Sunday matinee performances, host outstanding guest artists and present great music performed by the very best musicians in the region. Don't miss the party - Subscribe! Benefits go beyond lower ticket prices—from picnics with players, priority seating, free companion concert tickets and special events—to greater flexibility including easy ticket exchanges and transfers to family members or friends. Perhaps most important is the personalized attention and care you receive from our Marin Symphony staff."

Priority seating is reserved for subscribers now, through September 6th—available at the Marin Symphony Office at 415.479.8100 or online via www.marinsymphony.org. Individual tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday September 6, 2011 at the Marin Center Box Office at 415.499.6800 or through Ticketmaster.

More accessible than ever

This year, the Marin Symphony's Fresh Local Music Season opens up multiple ways to experience classical music. **Sunday concerts are moving to 3pm** and Tuesday performances remain the same, starting at 7:30pm. This new time offers everyone greater flexibility and opens up our Symphony experience to a larger circle, including young people, families and friends. For classical music lovers, the **\$10 companion price for a youth ticket** makes it easy to share their passion with a new generation. **\$20 special seat offers**, a **New Subscriber Program** and dozens of **Special Events** offer more ways than ever to be a part of, and share the new Marin Symphony Season.

Three places where people can get more information and connect

1. Directly accessible on the home page: www.marinsymphony.org:

- View the **Marin Symphony 2011-2012 Brochure**.
- View and download the **2011-2012 Marin Symphony Schedule** for the latest details about programs, artists, specialty concerts, youth performances and special events.
- Subscribe to **SymphonE-News** to receive stories and updates automatically.

2. Be connected with Your **Marin Symphony on Facebook** to stay in close touch with the Marin Symphony community, Maestro Neale, artists, event announcements, special offers, and more: <http://www.facebook.com/marinsymphony>

3. Join the year-long Golden Gate Opus conversation. The Marin Symphony's special **Golden Gate Opus Facebook page**: a place where people can engage and be a part of creating this original work in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. <http://www.facebook.com/goldengateopus>

About Marin Symphony

The acclaimed Marin Symphony Orchestra, established in 1954, presents five pairs of classical concerts in the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium each year. Under the music direction of Alasdair Neale, more than 80 symphony musicians, 110 chorus members and world-class guest artists come together to bring live performances to the community. Over 100 musicians participate in the Symphony's youth programs, including the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra, Crescendo Workshops and the Symphony@Schools programs. Throughout the year, the Symphony produces dozens of special events including Family, Holiday and Prelude Concerts. Discover more at www.marinsymphony.org or call 415.479.8100.

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