

# Eye openers



John Belushi, left, and Dan Aykroyd in "Blues Brothers," which kicks off Starlight Cinemas' season.

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## Film

### Al fresco flicks

One of our favorite things about downtown San Jose has, in recent years, been **Starlight Cinemas** — the free outdoor fest that brings fun flicks to city streets on Wednesday nights from early June through late August. Well, the program is back for another year, starting this Wednesday with "Blues Brothers," the wild, almost to the point of being out-of-control movie with John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd as Jake and Elwood.

The screening will be held in San Pedro Square, with pre-movie entertainment starting at 7 p.m. Among the other films on the program this summer: "Grease" (June 15, Post Street between First and Market), "The Big Lebowski" (July 6, South First and William streets) and "Toy Story" (July 27, San Pedro Square). And on Aug. 31, there's the annual Zombie-O-Rama with the film "Fido" at South First and William streets. For a complete schedule, visit [www.sjdown town.com/starlight](http://www.sjdown town.com/starlight).

— *Charlie McCollum, Mercury News*



Stephen Waarts will perform with Silicon Valley Symphony this weekend of Los Altos.

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## Concerts

### A young performer

Violinist **Stephen Waarts** is only 14, but he has been turning heads for years. Mentored by several of the top teachers in Northern California — including San Francisco Symphony concertmaster Alexander Barantschik — he regularly performs with regional orchestras. However, those performances may become less frequent over the next few years, as Stephen is about to head off to the East Coast for studies at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Which is all the reason you need to go hear him perform this weekend with **Silicon Valley**

**Symphony**, conducted by Michael Paul Gibson. Stephen will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, and the orchestra also will play works by Rossini, Vaughan Williams and Prokofiev. There will be two performances: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park; and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors and students; [www.siliconvalleysymphony.net](http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net) and at the door. (Children 12 and younger admitted free, but must be accompanied by an adult.)

— *Richard Scheinin, Mercury News*



Percussionists Steve Hearn, above, soloists with Symphony Silicon Valley.

## Classical

### The final notes

This weekend's season-ending program from **Symphony Silicon Valley** will begin with music by tango master Astor Piazzolla, his "Suite Punta del Este." It will close with Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 ("Italian"). And in between, it will bring something exotic to the South Bay: Israeli-born composer Avner Dorman's "Spices, Perfumes, Toxins!" It was a hit two years ago at the

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