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Don't get confused.

Silicon Valley Symphony

is not the same orchestra as Symphony Silicon Valley, the South Bay's premiere orchestra. The former (yes, Silicon Valley Symphony) is a hardworking community orchestra that puts on some unusually ambitious programs, often with first-rate soloists.

This weekend, Silicon Valley Symphony is bringing in an exceptional soloist, cellist Peter Wyrick, to perform the Saint-Saens Cello Concerto in A minor. Wyrick, the San Francisco Symphony's associate principal cellist, will perform in tribute to one of his longtime colleagues,

cellist Larry Granger, who died this year after a sudden illness, ending a near-30-year career with the San Francisco Symphony. There's real sentiment behind this weekend's program: During the 2008-09 season, Granger coached and rehearsed with Silicon Valley Symphony. He did it repeatedly and in a pinch, when the community orchestra experienced a musical emergency.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Road. And 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors and students; www.siliconvalleysymphony.net or at the door.

— Richard Scheinin,
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