

# Silicon Valley Symphony

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Silicon Valley Symphony Nutcracker Ballet Collaboration

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony  
WHAT: Nutcracker Ballet Collaboration with San Jose Dance Theatre  
WHEN: Friday, December 4, 2009; 7:30 PM; Saturday, December 5, 2009; 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM  
Sunday, December 6, 2009; 1:00 PM  
WHERE: Center for the Performing Arts, 255 Almaden Blvd. San Jose, CA 95113  
TICKETS: Purchase by calling (408) 286-9905  
Online: <https://secure2.ticketguys.com/sanjosedancetheatre/>  
WEBSITE: SVS: [www.siliconvalleysymphony.net](http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net)  
San Jose Dance Theatre: <http://www.sjdt.org/>

The Silicon Valley Symphony is very excited and proud to announce our collaboration with the San Jose Dance Theatre for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet, four performances, December 4, 5, and 6, 2009 in the Center for the Performing Arts in downtown San Jose. The SJDT invited the SVS to perform live orchestral accompaniment to Tchaikovsky's endearing ever-popular masterpiece this season after several years using recorded audio accompaniment. The SVS is thrilled by this invitation and we are already busy planning and preparing for this marvelous collaboration.

Cost is one of the primary reasons limiting the use of a live orchestra for the past several years. The SVS is a community orchestra that has earned the reputation of sounding 'that close' to professional. While much less costly than a professional orchestra, our community orchestra still has expenses and raising funds to secure these wonderful performances is now a priority. Both the SJDT and the SVS are 501 (c)(3) non-profits. This allows corporations, foundations, and individuals to donate toward expenses for this production and gain the tax advantages as allowed by law.

In these challenging economic times, people turn to entertainment to wash away their cares. An evening at the ballet is a wonderful experience, with the beautiful sets, the elegant dancing and the live orchestral music - what better way to lift the spirit than experiencing this Holiday season classic story live.

Therefore, we are offering corporations the opportunity to hold their Holiday party at the Center for the Performing Arts preceding the Nutcracker performance. The Grand Tier balcony seats 756 people and the area can be used for dinner complete with a bar before the performance. For a donation of \$12,000 the party can stay at the Grand Tier to see the ballet with live music; food and bar expenses are managed through the Center for the Performing Arts. What a beautiful and unique way for a company to reward their employees for getting through these tough times - an unforgettable evening!

Please contact Michael Gibson ([maestro@bamusic.org](mailto:maestro@bamusic.org)) or Lee Forbes ([leef@juniper.net](mailto:leef@juniper.net)), SJDT Production Manager to discuss this Christmas party idea or any other idea you may have to help us fund this exciting collaboration. If you would like to make a donation toward this performance, please also contact Michael or Lee.

You can get complete concert information and program notes on our website at:

<http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net>

We hope to see you, your children, family and friends in the audience. Soon ticket information and reservations will become available. The SVS is sponsored by the Bay Area Music Foundation and sponsored in part by the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (PCLG), and Foothill College Performing Arts Alliance.

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