

Silicon Valley Symphony

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Silicon Valley Symphony “Prodigy ‘n Pops” Concert

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony
WHAT: “Prodigy ‘n Pops” Concert
WHEN: 7:30 PM, Saturday, November 15, 2008
WHERE: Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd. Los Gatos, CA 95032
TICKETS: \$20 general, \$15 Senior/Student; Children age 12 and younger FREE with adult available at the door or orchestra members; tickets also available on our website
WEBSITE: Concert page: www.bamusic.org/svs/html/concerts.html
PARKING: FREE Parking; FREE Champagne Reception with food

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to present “**Prodigy ‘n Pops**” Concert in the beautiful Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at 7:30 PM. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. The Silicon Valley Symphony features 12-year-old violinist, Stephen Waarts playing the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. This concert will particularly appeal to children – of all ages! Our previous concert sold out with standing room only. Get your tickets now and arrive early for good seats.

Michael Paul Gibson leads the Silicon Valley Symphony in “**Prodigy & Pops**” – you will be amazed, astounded, and completely swept away by the young genius violin virtuoso, Stephen Waarts. At 12 years old, Stephen already plays the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto from memory – the piece that “Wikipedia” states is “considered to be among the most technically difficult works for violin.” You can view a video of Stephen Waarts playing the concerto from memory with a pianist during an August 29th rehearsal at:

<http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/html/concerts.html>

The concert includes the vibrant, spectacular “Festival Overture” by Shostakovich and endearing “The Moldau” by Smetana. Additionally featured is “POPS” music featuring our fabulous trumpet section playing “Bugler’s Holiday” by Leroy Anderson, followed by the “Blue Tango” also by Anderson – a piece which reached the Billboard magazine Best Seller chart on April 11, 1952 and lasted 10 weeks on the chart, peaking at #16. Maestro Gibson then gives the audience a ‘mini’ conducting lesson and chooses 2 or three children from the audience to conduct the orchestra – this promises to delight and amuse! The SVS concludes with the stunning “Light Cavalry Overture” by Franz von Supé.

Don’t miss this marvelous musical opportunity – and historical performance of the Tchaikovsky by young Stephen Waarts! Join the musicians after the concert in the Social Hall for a FREE Champagne Reception with sumptuous snacks and live jazz music furnished by Don Pender and other excellent musicians.

Check out our concert web page and past audio recordings at: <http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/html/concerts.html>

We hope to see you, your children, family and friends in the audience. One performance only and seating is limited to 500. You can purchase tickets online, from orchestra members, or at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance. Advance ticket holders will be allowed entrance 45 minutes prior to the performance. No reserved seats. Seating is first come, first served.

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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