

Silicon Valley Symphony

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Silicon Valley Symphony “My Sun, My Stars” Concert

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony

WHAT: “My Sun, My Stars” Concert

2 Performances:

WHEN: 7:30 PM, Saturday, November 17, 2012

WHERE: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

WHEN: 4:00 PM, Sunday, November 18, 2012

WHERE: Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306

TICKETS: \$20 general, \$15 Senior/Student; Children age 12 and younger FREE with adult

*available from orchestra members; on our website; and at the door before the concert.

WEBSITE: <http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/Concerts/Fall/fall.html>

PARKING: FREE parking at both churches

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to feature the critically acclaimed and prize-winning international opera tenor, Christopher Bengochea, singing fabulous songs about love and the sun, moon, and stars. Christopher will also lead an audience sing-along that will be loads of fun for everyone, including our guests from the Menlo Park Chorus, April McNeely, Director.

Maestro Michael Paul Gibson will conduct two performances of our “My Sun, My Stars” Concert – first in Menlo Park at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, November 17, 2012, at 7:30 PM, and in Palo Alto at Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, on Sunday afternoon, November 18, 2012, at 4:00 PM. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 for seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. Tickets are available online. Please visit our website: www.siliconvalleysymphony.net

The concert begins with Brahms’ vigorous and tuneful *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*. Then we rejoice with the fabulous tenor Christopher Bengochea as he sings selections from Tosti and Verdi. After a side trip for Fauré’s haunting *Pavane*, Bengochea returns for an exhilarating cable car ride up the side of Mt. Vesuvius and a rousing sing-along on “Funiculi, Funiculà” – what fun! The first half comes to a rousing close as Bengochea and the orchestra treat the audience to the ever-popular “O Sole Mio.” After intermission you’ll discover the extraordinary delicate tone colors of *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, by Ravel. And after the banquet, it’s time for the party: The rousing and spirited *Capriccio Espagnol* by Rimsky-Korsakov features Julian Brown, Concertmaster, as violin soloist, in a thrilling ending to a memorable evening!

We welcome Christopher Bengochea to his repeat performance with us. Our videos of his previous solos with the Silicon Valley Symphony have been viewed more than 12,300 times on YouTube. On our website, you can view videos of these wonderful performances. The acoustics in both churches are stunning and will enhance your enjoyment of the music. Please put the concert on your calendar, make plans to attend, and bring your family and friends! This concert is one of the Bay Area’s best bargains in classical music, as our Board of Directors voted down a ticket price increase this season. Get your tickets now and arrive early for the best seats. (Seating is not reserved.)

You can get complete concert information and program notes on our website at www.siliconvalleysymphony.net

We hope to see you and your children, family, and friends in the audience. You can purchase tickets online, from orchestra members, or at the door up to 30 minutes prior to the performance. Advance ticket holders will be allowed entrance 45 minutes prior to the performance, to get the best seats, as there is no reserved seating.

The SVS is sponsored by the Bay Area Music Foundation.

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