

Silicon Valley Symphony

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Silicon Valley Symphony “Prodigy Plays Mendelssohn” Concert

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony

WHAT: “Prodigy Plays Mendelssohn” Concert

2 Performances:

WHEN: 7:30 PM, Friday, June 3, 2011

WHERE: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 5301 330 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

WHEN: 7:30 PM, Saturday, June 4, 2011

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: www.siliconvalleysymphony.net

PARKING: FREE Parking

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to present our “**Prodigy Plays Mendelssohn**” Concert in Menlo Park at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Friday, June 3, 2011, at 7:30 PM. AND in Palo Alto at Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 7:30 PM. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult.

This will be an historic concert! The Silicon Valley Symphony features the 14-year-old violin prodigy, Stephen Waarts in his 3rd appearance with the symphony. Maestro Michael Paul Gibson first collaborated with Stephen, when he was only 12 years old, performing the Tchaikovsky *Violin Concerto* on November 15, 2008. The second performance, at age 13, was the Brahms *Violin Concerto* on March 12 & 13, 2010. In the coming concert, Stephen, now 14, presents probably the most popular and most performed violin concerto: *Violin Concerto in E Minor* by Felix Mendelssohn. Stephen begins his attendance in the fall at the Curtis Institute of Music, studying violin with the famous Aaron Rosand. Come to see and hear Stephen now, before he is off to school.

The orchestra opens with the rousing “L’Italiana in Algeri Overture” by Rossini followed by the amazing and lush sonorities of “Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis” by Vaughan Williams, then Prokofiev’s fiendishly difficult “Classical Symphony.” The Mendelssohn *Violin Concerto* climaxes the program.

Don’t miss this one! Stephen Waarts continues to win domestic and international contests and garner high praise in reviews. We look forward to working with Stephen again and are proud to be a part of his amazing accomplishments and stellar performances. The acoustics in both churches are stunning and enhance your performance experience. We hope you can attend.

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

We hope to see you, your children, family and friends in the audience. 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 – to get the best seats. No reserved seats. Seating is first come, first served.

The SVS is sponsored by the Bay Area Music Foundation and sponsored in part by Foothill Presbyterian Church, and Foothill College Performing Arts Alliance.

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