## Silicon Valley Symphony

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Silicon Valley Symphony "Put Some Spring in Your Step" Concert

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony WHAT: Put Some Spring in Your Step

2 Performances:

WHEN: 7:30 PM, Friday, May 16, 2013

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

WHEN: 7:30 PM, Saturday, May 17, 2014

WHERE: Saint Mark's Episcopal Church (SMEC), 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/concerts.html

PARKING: FREE parking at both churches

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to invite you to our Spring Concert: **Put Some Spring in Your Step**. This year marks our 10th anniversary providing high-quality performances to our community for a very reasonable cost.

We are thrilled to once again feature Stephen Waarts, 1st Prize Winner of the ultimate and prestigious 2014 Menuhin International Violin Competition. Stephen will perform Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons."

Stephen Waarts, now age 17, began his performances with the Silicon Valley Symphony by playing the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in November 2008 when he was only 12 years old. Through the years Stephen has played 6 concerti: Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Saint-Saëns, Sibelius, and Prokofiev No. 1 along with 2 solo pieces by Wieniawski and Tchaikovsky with the SVS. The Silicon Valley Symphony is extremely proud and honored to be a part of Stephen's developing international reputation as one of the most prodigiously talented young soloists to emerge in recent years.

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Maestro Michael Paul Gibson will conduct two performances of our "Put Some Spring in Your Step" Concert: Friday, May 16, 2014, 7:30 PM at HTEC and Saturday, May 17, 2014, 7:30 PM at SMEC. The unique program includes Vivaldi's best-known work "The Four Seasons" - which is among the most popular pieces in the classical music repertoire, played by violinist Stephen Waarts, one of the brightest young stars in the world today. The SVS also performs Mozart's brilliant Symphony No. 29. Stanley Sadie, influential and prolific British musicologist and editor of the New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, characterizes it as "a landmark ... personal in tone, indeed perhaps more individual in its combination of an intimate, chamber music style with a still fiery and impulsive manner."

Now is your chance to hear and experience the brilliance of Stephen Waarts, still at a modest cost. Regular ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 for seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. This will be the last concert at these ticket prices. Next season, we raise our ticket prices. Tickets are available online. Please visit our website for complete information:

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The acoustics in both churches are stunning and will enhance your enjoyment of the music. They are conveniently located: HTEC – Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park and SMEC – St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto.

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. 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:

http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/Concerts/concerts.html

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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