

# Silicon Valley Symphony

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Silicon Valley Symphony “Tribute to Lawrence Granger” Concert

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony  
WHAT: “Tribute to Lawrence Granger” Concert  
2 Performances:  
WHEN: 7:30 PM, Friday, November 20, 2009  
WHERE: Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95032  
WHEN: 7:30 PM, Saturday, November 21, 2009  
WHERE: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 330 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025  
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.siliconvalleysymphony.net/html/concerts.html](http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/html/concerts.html)  
PARKING: FREE Parking

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to present our “Tribute to Lawrence Granger” Concert in the beautiful Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, on Friday, November 20, 2009, at 7:30 PM and in downtown Menlo Park at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at 7:30 PM. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult.

Lawrence Granger was originally scheduled to play as cello soloist with the Silicon Valley Symphony for this concert. Larry, cellist in the San Francisco Symphony for 30 years, donated his time as Principal Cello at many rehearsals, inspiring the section and raising the spirit of the entire orchestra. He also gave numerous musical and personnel recommendations that have contributed significantly to increased quality performance. Sadly Mr. Granger passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2009. He was diagnosed with cancer earlier in the week, underwent surgery that was seemingly successful, but succumbed to heart failure two days later. The entire musical community has lost a great man and he will be missed by all. We dedicate this concert to the memory of Lawrence Granger.

Michael Paul Gibson leads the Silicon Valley Symphony in “Tribute to Lawrence Granger” – Brahms monumental “Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73” was composed in the summer of 1877 during a visit to the Austian Alps. The cheerfulness of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony has been likened with the pastoral mood of Beethoven’s 6<sup>th</sup> Symphony. Peter Wyrick, San Francisco Symphony Associate Principal Cello, is featured soloist playing the Saint-Saën “Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33,” a favorite of virtuoso cellists and the concerto Lawrence Granger had chosen to play. Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite is a holiday delight that brightens even a bad economy and leaves everyone whistling and humming the timeless endearing melodies. The SVS plays the complete Nutcracker Ballet in collaboration with the San Jose Dance Theatre’s 44<sup>th</sup> annual production at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on December 4, 5, and 6.

Audience members, music critics, and even our own musicians have said that the SVS is “the community orchestra that sounds ‘that’ close to professional!” This concert will particularly appeal to children – of all ages! Our previous 6 concerts attracted full-house audiences, one with standing room only! Get your tickets now and arrive early for good seats.

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. 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 the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (PCLG), and Foothill College Performing Arts Alliance.

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