

# Silicon Valley Symphony

Michael Paul Gibson, Music Director and Conductor  
Julian Brown, Concertmaster • Bryce Martens, President

## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: April 5, 2012: Use until May 20, 2012 • Contact: Michael Gibson (415) 287-6002  
Updated May 6, 2012

### Silicon Valley Symphony “Waarts Plays Sibelius” Concert

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony

WHAT: “Waarts Plays Sibelius” Concert

**2 Performances:**

WHEN: 7:30 PM, Saturday, May 19, 2012

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

WHEN: 5:00 PM, Sunday, May 20, 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/Waarts/waarts.html>

PARKING: FREE Parking

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to feature violin prodigy Stephen Waarts playing the Sibelius “Violin Concerto” conducted by Michael Paul Gibson. Stephen will be playing an unnamed Strad made circa 1732 – 1734 when the master was about 90 years old! But in fact some of Stradivari’s greatest creations date from that time period. Our Strad is a twin of the Lord Wilmotte Strad, previously belonging to Yehudi Menuhin, and made at the same time, same wood, same varnish, same model, same workmanship, and same condition.

There are two performances of our “**Waarts Plays Sibelius**” Concert – first in Menlo Park at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at 7:30 PM. AND in Palo Alto at Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church, on Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2012, at 5:00 PM. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. Tickets are available online. Please visit our website: [www.siliconvalleysymphony.net](http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net)

The orchestra offers a stinging performance, tantalizing and fun - *The Wasps: Aristophonic Suite* by Vaughan Williams (no insect will be harmed during the performance of this piece :-), and the fabulous *Romeo and Juliet - Fantasy Overture* by P.I. Tchaikovsky. Many think Peter’s music is “over-the top” – that’s what makes it so exciting to hear – and to play!

This is the fifth performance with Stephen Waarts. Stephen is now 15 years old, a scholarship student at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia studying with the renowned Aaron Rosand. Stephen has played four major violin concertos with the SVS: Tchaikovsky (age 12); Brahms (age 13); Mendelssohn (age 14); and Saint-Saëns (age 15). You can go to our website and view YouTube videos of all these wonderful performances. The acoustics in both churches are stunning and enhance your performance experience. We hope you can attend. This concert is a bargain for the price of admission. Get your tickets now and arrive early for the best seats (not reserved).

You can get complete concert information and program notes on our website starting at: [www.siliconvalleysymphony.net](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 Foothill College Performing Arts Alliance.

CONTACT: Michael Gibson, Music Director, SVS, (415) 287-6002 (office), [maestro@bamusic.org](mailto:maestro@bamusic.org), [www.siliconvalleysymphony.net](http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net)

(415) 287-6002 • email: [maestro@bamusic.org](mailto:maestro@bamusic.org)  
**[www.siliconvalleysymphony.net](http://www.siliconvalleysymphony.net)**