Santa Maria Philharmonic Society NOTES

Our 18th Season bringing live classical music to the Santa Maria Valley

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Rejoice with the Philharmonic and the Hancock College Singers this December 2nd

There is something about Baroque music that lends itself to the celebration of the Christmas and holiday season; perhaps it is the bright mood and lively rhythms so typical of 18th century musical composition, as well as the large number of important sacred choral works, many of which are Nativity or Christmas-themed. Featured guests for the December 2nd concert are the Allan Hancock College singers,

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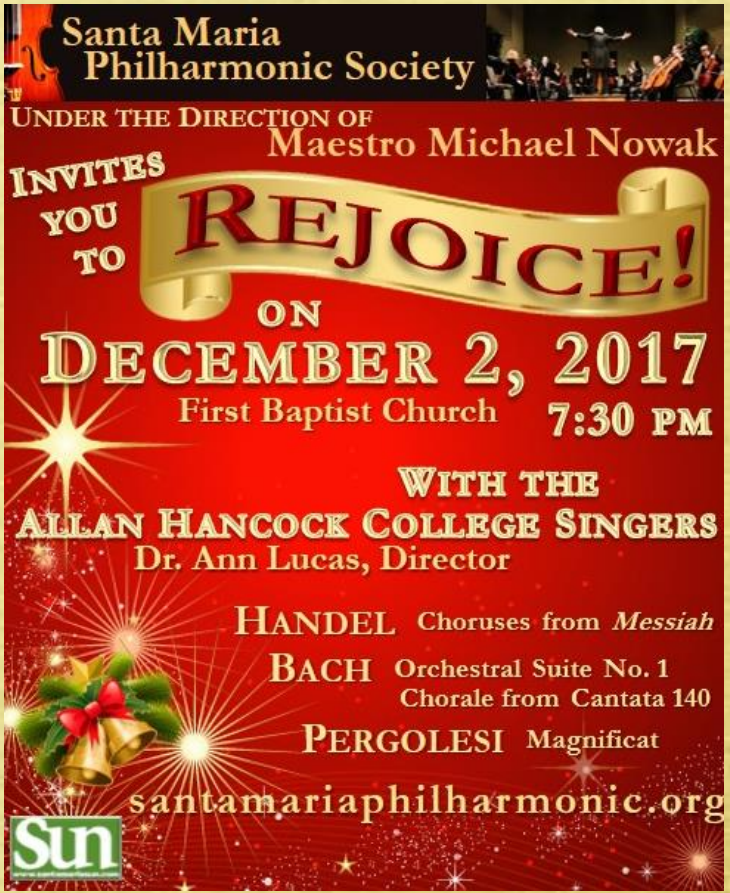

Find Your Masks and Costumes for the 2017 Gala

The Santa Maria Philharmonic Society invites you to a fabulous evening of dining and dancing on November 18th at the Radisson Hotel. Masks are optional, but be sure you bring your dancing shoes to enjoy the music of Rip Tide Big Band. You will be greeted at 5:00 pm with champagne, jesters and a lively atmosphere. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, after you have had a chance to bid in the Silent Auction and prepare for the Live Auction. In addition to an opportunity to support the Santa Maria Philharmonic Society, you may be the lucky winning bidder on a delightful getaway or event package. Take a look at some of the packages.

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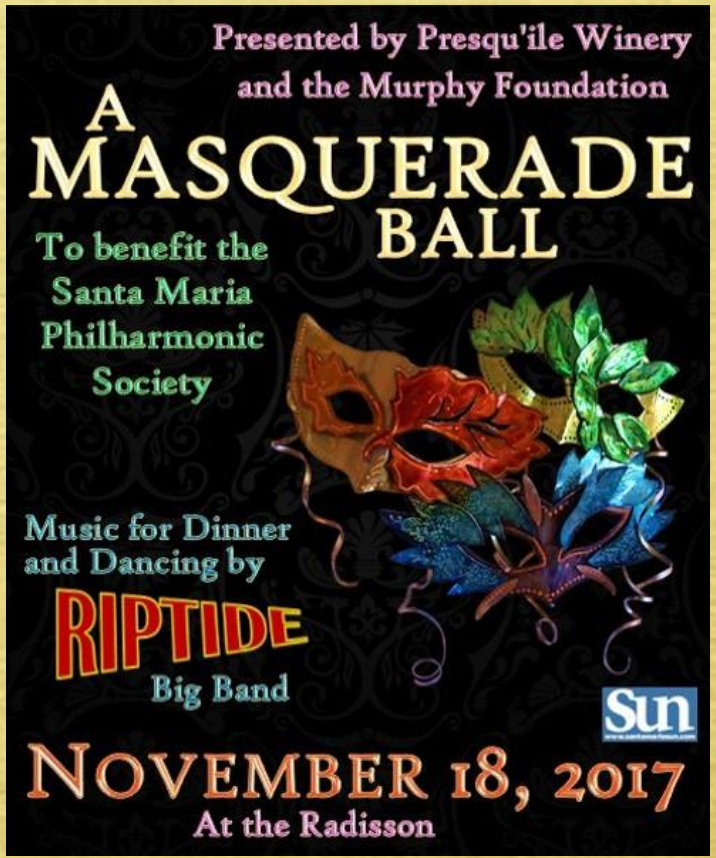

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President's Letter

Jed Beebe, Board President

I am very excited about the upcoming Gala with its Masquerade theme. The Gala events are always special, but what I like best is the opportunity it presents to gather the supporters of classical music together to celebrate the wonderful gift that great music makes to the community. From enriching our individual lives with its beauty to the joy of introducing it to a new generation of children, there are so many reasons those who love this art will always find encouragement and renewal in sharing their appreciation with others. And, of course, it's great fun. This year the Gala is being held at the Airport Radisson and will feature a terrific menu, donated auction items, and a dance band. It is a chance to meet with Maestro Michael Nowak to celebrate last season's success and the promise of the current season. It is our major fundraising event and is important for ensuring the concert season comes off as planned. It will represent the culmination of a great deal of dedicated work by a large number of persons, including the event coordinator Barbara Nicholson, her hard-working committee, other volunteers, and the Board itself. Beginning last year with honoring George Crosby, the event includes a Legacy Award recognition for significant achievement in sustaining the Santa Maria Philharmonic. This year the honorees are Judy and Hardy Hearn. We are blessed to have their assistance on the Board of Directors. They have been generous with the Philharmonic, as with so many other worthy civic causes, supporting the concert season and our youth outreach. This year, for example, they dedicated a special weekend of parking lot revenues to the support of the orchestra's mission. Those who parked at Pismo that day were greeted with pictures of Music Van outreach and Children's Concerts. The display was so attractive that many additional donations were received and a significant gift was made possible.

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Season Opening Concert was Dazzling

"Dazzling" turned out to be an apt description for the opening concert of the 2017-18 season, with violin soloist Jessica Guideri beguiling the audience with her emotional performance in "The Lark Ascending" followed by fireworks in "Introduction et Rondo Capriccioso." After intermission, the orchestra carried the audience away to late 19th St. Petersburg with Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. This auspicious beginning presages a fabulous season.

An attentive pre-show crowd listened to Dr. Marcus Engelmann provide context and texture for the night's music.

Jessica Guideri rendered a passionate, achingly sweet violin solo in "The Lark Ascending" by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Soloist Jessica Guideri receives the standing ovation of the audience after her solos in "The Lark Ascending" and Saint-Saëns' "Introduction et Rondo Capriccioso."

Photos by Andrea de Anda

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Live Auction Preview

Escape to Cambria Pines Lodge, nestled on 25 acres of Monterey Pines. Enjoy 2 glorious nights for two, in a large suite with a fireplace, over-looking a pine forest. Take a short drive up to **Hearst Castle** for your sixty-minute Grand Rooms tour. Stop over to the West Village for wine tasting at **Moonstone Cellars** with award-winning Pinot, and an outstanding dinner at **Madeline's Restaurant**. All included in this spectacular Cambria get-away package.

"Murder in Moracco" - Dinner theatre for **20 people at "A" Street Café**. The action takes place in 1942 Morocco, on the eve of an invasion by the Allies. A colorful cast of characters are stranded in the Café desperate to leave. Cast members include our own Jed Beebe and Diane Borad-Mirken, with Jed Beebe as an Italian opera star who lets loose with a stunning operatic aria.

Inn at Morro Bay. Breathe deeply, and relax with a 2-night stay for 2 at the Inn at Morro Bay, **Golf for 2 with a cart at the Morro Bay Golf Course**, and a massage for 2. Surrounded by 4,000 acres of rugged woodlands and overlooking Morro Bay and the Pacific Ocean, the newly renovated Inn at Morro Bay is a serene destination for your next coastal staycation/getaway.

Local brews and ethnic foods. Owner and brew master Steve Kitts of Naughty Oak Brewery in Old Orcutt will join with for this super fun evening for 12 people. Steve will serve some of his finest brews from his brewery-bar with **12 Naughty Oak taps**, while Testa's Catering will offer fabulous tacos and Cubanissimo will spice things up with Cuban beans and rice and Maduros (sweet plantains). Enjoy transportation in a pub-style limo bus, provided by **Hop on Beer Tours**.

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Newport Beach Getaway - Spend two incredible nights at the **Bay Shores Peninsula Hotel.** The #1 travel rated hotel in Newport Beach is just steps away from the beach and two blocks from the Newport Pier. Enjoy dinner for two at the famous **Crab Cooker Restaurant**, as well as a 90 minute **Newport Harbor sightseeing cruise**.

CHUMASH CASINO RESORT

Chumash Casino Getaway Package. One night stay for 2 at the Four-Diamond **Chumash Casino Resort hotel**, dinner at **Willows Restaurant**, and a luxurious spa treatment.

Gala ticket price is $100 each, and sponsored tables are available. Make it a night! There are a limited number of rooms at the Radisson, available at the rate of $109 each. Buy tickets at the website, santamariaphilharmonic.org.

This event is generously sponsored by **Presqu'ile Winery and the Murphy Foundation**. All proceeds benefit the Santa Maria Philharmonic.

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Hardy and Judy have found many other opportunities to come to the aid of the Philharmonic and we are all deeply grateful. Many will remember Judy's enthusiastic conducting of the National Anthem in prior years - an honor she won in competitive bidding at the Gala. The Legacy Award is made in genuine appreciation of all this dynamic couple has achieved. See you at the Gala. I know it will be great!

With appreciation, **Jed Beebe**

2017-2018 Season

Rejoice!

December 2, 2017
First Baptist Church 7:30 pm

BACH Orchestral Suite No. 1 and more
PERGOLESI Magnificat
HANDEL Choruses from *Messiah*
Allan Hancock College Singers, Dr. Ann Lucas, Director

Journey of the Heart

February 24, 2018
Grace Baptist Church 7:30 pm

COPLAND Appalachian Spring
MAHLER Adagietto from Symphony No. 5
MENDELSSOHN Symphony No. 4, "Italian"

Fierce Passions

April 28, 2018
Grace Baptist Church 7:30 pm

MOZART Magic Flute Overture
SHOSTAKOVICH Cello Concerto No. 1
SCHUMANN Symphony No. 3, "Rhenish"
John Walz, Cello Soloist

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directed by Ann Lucas, who will perform choral works not only by the two giants of the period, Bach and Handel, but also a gem by the composer Pergolesi, who would probably be a household name if he had lived longer. Maestro Nowak will open the concert with the.sprightly dances of the Orchestral Suite No. 1 by J.S. Bach, followed by two choruses from Bach's Cantata No.140 "Wachet Auf". Giovanni Pergolesi's delightful setting of the Magnificat text is taken from the New Testament, when the Angel Gabriel appears to the Virgin Mary with the salutation, "Hail, thou who art highly favored." And how else can you tell it's December without a contribution from the mighty Messiah, Handel's immortal oratorio? The choir and orchestra will perform five of the most popular choruses from the Nativity portion of the work, concluding with the 'Hallelujah" chorus.

Please remember that this holiday concert with choir will be performed at the First Baptist Church, 2970 Santa Maria Way, instead of the usual Grace Baptist venue.

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