

FALL 2023

# MUSICAL NOTES

Official Newsletter of the Santa Cruz Symphony League

## Twilight Picnic Planned

Reserve your seat today for an enchanting evening under the redwoods! Enjoy a gourmet picnic dinner in a historic landmark with Maestro Danny Stewart, who will share exciting highlights on the upcoming concert season. We will also enjoy a special performance from members of the Santa Cruz Youth Symphony. The event is open to the public, and is a great way to introduce potential new members to the Symphony League.

DATE Fri, Oct 13

TIME 4:00pm - 6:30pm

PLACE Paradise Park Picnic Grounds  
211 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz

COST \$25 per person, or bring a non-member & both dinners are FREE

RSVP Contact Cheryl Hammond at  
[cherylhammond5@charter.net](mailto:cherylhammond5@charter.net)  
(831) 475-9482 or reserve your seat  
online our website at  
[www.SantaCruzSymphony.org](http://www.SantaCruzSymphony.org)

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## A Festive Fundraiser

Mark and Roy Chambers-Bray hosted the first fundraiser of our 2023-24 season in the award winning gardens of their home on September 2, with a festive Paella Party. Thirty guests savored Spanish cocktails and sangria as they were mesmerized by the music and dance performances of Matiz Flamenco. A gourmet feast was prepared by Bay Area Paella Chef, Jason Christian, as guests watched and learned his cooking techniques. The event raised \$30,000 for the Symphony League. Ole!

*Photography by Kevin Monahan*





## Feed the Orchestra

Musicians and guest performers travel from far and wide to perform with the Santa Cruz Symphony. During their time here, they spend countless hours preparing to perfect the performances for our concerts. They often have little time to eat between their commitments to the various rehearsals and preconcert events they attend. Show your appreciation to them by supporting Feed the Orchestra, which provides refreshments to musicians and guest performers during concert rehearsals!

### How can you help?

- Mail a check for "Feed the Orchestra" to:  
*Santa Cruz Symphony League*  
*c/o Mark & Roy Chambers-Bray*  
*157 Willow*  
*Felton, CA 95018*
- Sign-up to volunteer to provide refreshments or serve refreshments. Smiling faces and helping hands are always welcome! Contact Dan & Vickie Rutan at (831) 475-4939 for details.



## THANK YOU 2022-23 Feed the Orchestra donors

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Angela Clark  
 Anna Hackenbracht  
 Betty Dodd  
 Cheryl Hammond  
 Dianne Overbo  
 Dolores McCabe  
 Dwayne & Linda Downing  
 John Dickinson & Nancy Van Natta  
 Kathy Hatfield  
 Mary Jo Dunn-Ruiz  
 Maureen Rishi  
 Mila Herman  
 Patricia Greenway  
 Patty Lockett  
 Rachel Lather  
 Rachel Sabajo  
 Roger Knacke  
 Sophie Polyhronakis  
 Susan Dormanen



## Membership News

Another Symphony Season of wonderful, inspiring music and talent is here! Be sure to come by our League table during intermission to say "Hello!"

Your volunteering keeps the music flowing. To learn about how you can get involved with the League, contact Director of Membership, Dan Rutan, at (831) 475-4939 or rutandan@comcast.net.

### Recruiting New Members

Do you know someone interested in the League? Invite them to be a guest at our Annual Twilight picnic on Friday, October 13. There is no better way to inspire folks to become committed to our cause than for them to meet current members, hear a presentation from Maestro Danny, and enjoy a music performance by members of the Santa Cruz County Youth Symphony.

### Membership Renewals Due

Annual dues renew every year on July 1. If you have not yet renewed, you can conveniently pay 2 ways!

Mail a Check:

*Santa Cruz Symphony League  
c/o Dan Rutan  
5040 Thurber Lane, Santa Cruz, CA 95065*

Pay Online:

[www.SantaCruzSymphonyLeague.org/memberships](http://www.SantaCruzSymphonyLeague.org/memberships)



## Member Spotlight

*Looking through photos from various Symphony League events throughout the years, it is rare to find an image of Vickie Rutan alone. There are countless images of her hugging us or in deep conversation with us, because she is always present to greet us and inquire about our lives with genuine care and concern.*

*She closely observed her mother serve as President of the League for many years, and eventually became a member of the League herself, after 27 years as a Teacher. Since becoming a member, her husband, son and granddaughter have become involved with the League, spanning a tradition of 4 generations of their family supporting the Santa Cruz Symphony.*

*Vickie also volunteers for The Daisy Auxiliary to benefit Family Service Agency of the Central Coast, which provides counseling, suicide prevention, and supportive services in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties. Vickie is past President and current Secretary of her PEO chapter, which promotes education for women. She previously served as President of Delta Kappa Gamma to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

*As busy as she is, Vickie somehow manages to find time to sing in her church choir, garden, sew, spend time with her grandchildren, and travel with her husband, Dan.*



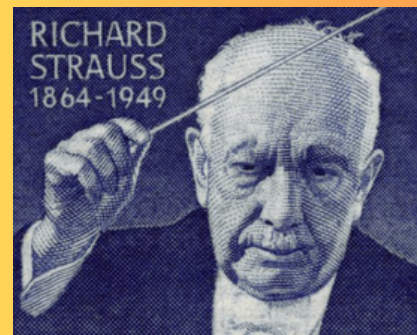


## Concert Preview: Echos of Empire

The League kicked off the concert season at our Echos of Empire Concert Preview on Friday, September 22. Held at Seascapes Golf Club, the event featured Maestro Daniel Stewart sharing stories behind the music compositions of Strauss, Hristo Yotsov, and Respighi. Guests had the unique opportunity to experience the Echos of Empire concert on a deeper level while enjoying a gourmet luncheon of Chicken Castrovilla, Pasta Primavera, and Salmon Salad.

Don't miss the next Concert Preview on **Friday, October 20**. Tickets available online at [www.SantaCruzSymphonyLeague.org](http://www.SantaCruzSymphonyLeague.org), or contact Sheila Vaughn at (831) 662-8908 to reserve your seat today. Space is limited, so don't delay.

*Photography by Kevin Monahan*



*Richard Strauss was born on June 11, 1864 to the father of a principal horn player who gave him a solid education in music.*

*Richard wrote his first composition at age six, and started receiving violin instruction at the age of 8 at the Royal School of Music from Benno Walter, his father's cousin. He heard his first operas, Lohengrin and Tannhäuser by Richard Wagner, at age 10. At first, his father banned him from studying Wagner's music, and it was not until the age of 16 that Richard was able to obtain a score of Tristan und Isolde.*

*Wagner's music made a profound impact on Strauss's musical development. Although his early works were quite conservative, Strauss began to develop and change when he met Alexander Ritter, a composer and violinist who persuaded him to abandon the musical style of his youth, and begin writing tone poems.*

*In early 1882 Strauss gave the first performance of his Violin Concerto in D minor in Vienna, playing a piano reduction of the orchestral part himself, with his cousin and teacher Benno Walter as soloist. Though written in the romantic tradition of its time, it's a bold and inventive work in which Strauss hints at his reverence for Mozart and Beethoven.*



## Mark Your Calendar

The Symphony League always has something new & exciting planned! Mark your calendar and join us at this season's events:

- **OCT 13, 2023** Twilight Picnic
- **OCT 20, 2023** Concert Preview: Opera of Seville
- **JAN 19, 2024** Concert Preview: Daphnis & Chloe
- **FEB 10, 2024** Wings of Glory Gala
- **MAR 22, 2024** Concert Preview: Festivals
- **MAY 3, 2024** Concert Preview: Bach B Minor Mass
- **JUN 1 & 2, 2024** Home & Garden Tour

## Concert Dates

### Operas of Seville

OCT 21 & 22

Mozart: Overture to Don Giovanni  
 Rossini: Overture to Il Barbiere di Siviglia  
 Beethoven: Leonore Overture no. 3  
 Verdi: Overture to La forza del destino  
 Bizet: Carmen Suites 1 & 2

### Daphnis & Chloe

JAN 20 & 21

Mahler: Adagio from Symphony No. 10  
 Jean Ahn: Ja-Jang, Ja-Jang for Gayageum & Orchestra  
 Ravel: Daphnis et Chloe 2nd Suite

### Festivals

MAR 23 & 24

Jose Granero: Matsuri Overture  
 Schumann: Cello Concerto  
 Stravinsky: Petrushka

### Bach: B Minor Mass

MAY 4 & 5

*Popular concerts sell out, so secure your seats early. Ways to order tickets:*

ONLINE:

[www.SantaCruzTickets.com](http://www.SantaCruzTickets.com)

BOX OFFICE:

307 Church Street  
 Santa Cruz 95060

CALL:

(831) 420-5260

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR JAMS

As many of you know, I love to make jams and preserves and sell them at the Home Tour Boutique. But since the Home Tour has been moved to June, I don't have enough fruit to make jams to sell them at that time.

Here's an opportunity to get your jams. I will be selling them at the Monteville Artisan Faire on October 21st from 10:00 to 3:00. You can also order them and pick them up at my home. To order, call me at 332-1695 or Email me at [sgvaughn@comcast.net](mailto:sgvaughn@comcast.net).

Here's what I have available:

Apple Butter  
 Candied Jalapenos  
 Christmas Jam  
 Sweet Pickle Chips  
 Pear Honey

Strawberry Jam  
 Apricot Preserves  
 Pear Preserves  
 Amaretto Cherries  
 Olallieberry Jam

Spiced Vanilla Pear Butter  
 Strawberry Balsamic Jam  
 Strawberry Chipotle Jam  
 Ginger Pear Preserves



I encourage you to place your order as early as possible so you are sure to get what you want before I run out. Once you have placed your order, you can arrange a convenient time to pick it up from my home, or you can pick it up at the Monteville Artisan Faire on October 21st.

Sheila Vaughn