



SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY

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SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY 49TH SEASON: "BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR"
2009-2010 Symphony Season Begins September 6th with Pops by the Sea in Avila Beach

(San Luis Obispo, CA) The San Luis Obispo Symphony is very proud to announce its 49th Season of concerts, events and music education activities on the Central Coast. The season begins with the annual end-of-summer celebration *Pops by the Sea* in Avila Beach on Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 6th featuring the Damon Castillo Band, and will be in full swing a month later on October 3rd with Opening Night at the Christopher Cohan Center featuring acclaimed pianist Robert Edward Thies and a program of Russian masters.

In the words of composer Dmitri Shostakovich: "*Music says it all. In the long run, any words about music are less important than the music.*" So, in as few words as possible, a complete calendar listing of the concerts and events for the 2009-2010 Symphony Season is below. Further information on artists and programs are available on-line at www.slosymphony.com and in the Symphony Season brochure. For more information, please call (805) 543-3533 or email patty@slosymphony.com.

SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY 2009-2010 SEASON
MICHAEL NOWAK, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Pops Goes Hollywood!

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, September 6, 2009

Avila Beach Golf Resort

Gates open at 2:30 pm – Concert at 4 pm

Pops by the Sea 2009: A great end of summer beach party featuring Hollywood movie music, the California rock 'n soul sounds of the Damon Castillo Band and your San Luis Obispo Symphony Orchestra. It's the best way to spend Labor Day Weekend on the Central Coast!

TICKETS: \$12-\$80, Kids 14 & under FREE!

- **CLASSICS IN THE COHAN SERIES**
TICKETS: \$12.50-\$65

Classics Opening Night

Saturday, October 3, 2009 – 8 pm

Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

Robert Edward Thies, Piano

PROGRAM:

Sergei Rachmaninoff / *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*
Dmitri Shostakovich / *Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47*

Classics II

Saturday, November 14, 2009 – 8 pm

Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

Lynn Harrell, Cello

David Selby, Actor/Narrator

PROGRAM:

Claude Debussy / *Prelude to the Afternoon of the Faun*

Aaron Copland / *Lincoln Portrait*

Edward Elgar / *Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85*

John Williams / *Elegy for Cello and Orchestra*

Classics III

Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 8 pm

Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

David Singer, Clarinet

PROGRAM:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart / *Clarinet Concerto*

Ludwig van Beethoven / *Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92*

Classics IV

Saturday, March 6, 2010 – 8 pm

Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

David Kim, Violin

PROGRAM:

Edward Elgar / *"Enigma" Variations*

Max Bruch / *Scottish Fantasy, Op. 46*

Classics Season Finale

Saturday, May 1, 2010 – 8 pm

Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

Edith Orloff, Piano

PROGRAM:

Robert Schumann / *Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54*

Johannes Brahms / *Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Op. 68*

• **CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS**

TICKETS: \$10-\$35

Music on the Coast

Sunday, January 10, 2010 – 3 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church, 490 Los Osos Valley Rd., Los Osos

James Walker, Flute

PROGRAM:

Claude Bolling / *Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart / *Flute Quartet in D Major*

Georg Phillip Telemann / *Suite in A minor for Flute and Piano*

Claude Debussy / *Syrinx*

Music at Mt. Carmel

Sunday, May 31, 2009 – 3 pm

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 Fredericks St., San Luis Obispo

W. Terrence Spiller, Piano

Roger Wilkie, Violin

PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

- **SAN LUIS OBISPO YOUTH SYMPHONY**

TICKETS: \$8-\$15

Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 6, 2009 – 3 pm

Clark Center for the Performing Arts, Arroyo Grande

PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

Spring Concert

Sunday, March 14, 2010 – 3 pm

Clark Center for the Performing Arts, Arroyo Grande

PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

Season Finale Concert

Friday, May 7, 2010 – 7 pm

Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

- **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Symphony Ball, Auction & Honors Celebration

“Carnival in Venice”

Saturday, February 27, 2010 – 6 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel

A gala evening of dining, dancing *and enthusiastic bidding*, all in support of the artistic and educational programs of the San Luis Obispo Symphony.

RESERVATIONS: \$120

Apex for Kids Annual Children’s Concerts

Monday, March 22, 2010 – 9:30 & 11 am

Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

Busloads of Central Coast schoolchildren are treated to a concert designed especially for them!

TICKETS: \$7

Bach ‘n Birdies Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Avila Beach Golf Resort

Details TBA

Call (805) 543-3533

For more information about Music Education activities and programs, please call Music Education Director Andrea Stoner at (805) 543-3533, Ext. #103.

SEASON SUBSCRIPTION AND TICKET INFORMATION

Season Subscriptions to the *Classics in the Cohan* series of concerts are available NOW by contacting the Symphony office at (805) 543-3533. (Sorry, online sales of subscriptions are not currently available.) Subscription prices range from

\$65-\$325 for a series of five concerts. Tickets for individual Classics concerts and Chamber Music Concerts will be available in September.

Tickets for *Pops by the Sea* are available on-line and at ticket outlets throughout the county. Lawn Seating tickets are \$15 per person, children 14 & under FREE. Reservations for Party Table seating may be made now by calling (805) 543-3533. Table seating prices range from \$25-\$100. **For more information, please visit www.slosymphony.com.**

ABOUT THE SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY

Since 1961, the San Luis Obispo Symphony has been an artistic, economic, educational and community-centered force on the Central Coast. Entering its 49th Season, the Symphony presents a nine-month season of concerts including a classical masterworks series in San Luis Obispo, a chamber music series with concerts in more intimate venues around the county, a seaside Pops concert in Avila Beach and a series of Children's Concerts at the Performing Arts Center. San Luis Obispo Symphony Music Education reaches more than 16,000 children and adults every year with a variety of programs that provide a continuum of performance, outreach and experience activities for all ages throughout San Luis Obispo County.

Under the direction of Maestro Michael Nowak since 1984, and in the capable administrative hands of Sandi Sigurdson since 1994, the Symphony is a leader in San Luis Obispo's arts community. Under Nowak's baton, the San Luis Obispo Symphony has commissioned new works and championed the music of California composer Craig H. Russell on three continents. The orchestra has produced two critically acclaimed recordings of Russell's music and premiered others in concert. They have toured Spain, Australia and the United States, including performances at Carnegie Hall in 2001, the Sydney Opera House in 2006 and the upcoming Walt Disney Concert Hall performance on June 8, 2008. Maestro Nowak's unique vision has overseen the growth of a fledgling community orchestra performing in local churches to a thriving cultural presence in San Luis Obispo County and beyond.

CONTACT

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