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# "Wild Animal Kingdom" Family Concert on Sunday, October 20 at Weill Hall

Santa Rosa Symphony and Sonoma Paradiso Foundation present Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*, "Flight of the Bumblebee," and other musical favorites with animal themes



(SANTA ROSA, CA)— "Wild Animal Kingdom" is the first of three Sunday afternoon concerts presented by Santa Rosa Symphony to begin the second season of its popular <u>Sonoma Paradiso</u> <u>Foundation Family Concert Series</u>. Taking place on Sunday, October 20 at Weill Hall at the Green Music Center, the music begins at 3 p.m. and pre-concert fun, including an Instrument Petting Zoo, begins at 2 p.m. Children are invited to come costumed as their favorite animal, or to bring a favorite stuffed animal to the

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performance. The second concert of the Family Series, "The Mozart Experience" with Magic Circle Mime Company, is on January 19, 2014; the third concert, "Beethoven Lives Upstairs" with Classical Kids LIVE! is on April 6, 2014.

"Wild Animal Kingdom" features Camille Saint-Saens' *The Carnival of the Animals*, Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee" from the *Tale of Tsar Sultan*, "I Can't Wait to be King" from *The Lion King*, and much more, including a sing-along to "Old MacDonald Had a Farm."

Richard Loheyde conducts the Santa Rosa Symphony orchestra with Kymry Esainko and Miles Graber as piano soloists; Marcy Smothers narrates. <u>Roustabout Theater</u>'s Apprentice Program members contribute fun-filled sketches and dances to delight one and all.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Three-concert subscriptions are still available at \$45/adults, \$30/child. (discounted family packages are still available) Call Symphony Patron Services at (707) 546-8742 or purchase <u>online</u>.

#### **Concert Sponsors**

This is the second year that Santa Rosa Symphony has partnered with <u>Sonoma Paradiso</u> <u>Foundation</u> for the Family Concert series. For several years previously, these two community organizations collaborated to present summer concerts for children, featuring zany characters and colorful guest artists at both Wells Fargo Center for the Arts and Sonoma County Fair. Marcy Smothers is the narrator and Sonoma County's favorite beagle, Snoopy, makes a guest appearance at the October 20 opening concert, "Wild Animal Kingdom." In addition to underwriting these concerts for the general public to enjoy at an affordable price, Sonoma Paradiso Foundation will gift 800 tickets and will invite community organizations supporting disadvantaged and at-risk children, as well as developmentally challenged youth and adults, from all over Sonoma County. For many of these children and adults, this is the first time they have ever been exposed to an orchestral musical event.

## **Concert Times and Location**

Performances are at Weill Hall, Green Music Center, Sonoma State University (Petaluma Hill Road and Rohnert Park Expressway). There is no additional fee for parking for Santa Rosa Symphony concerts.

## **Subscription Packages and Single Tickets**

Prior to the October 20 performance, 3-concert Family Series subscriptions may be purchased at \$45/adult, \$30/child (age 12 and under). Family packages start at \$126 (4 subscriptions, must include two child subscriptions). Tickets for individual concerts are \$17/adult, \$12/child (12 and under). All patrons, no matter what age, must have a ticket. Seats are reserved. Call (707) 546-8742 or come to the Santa Rosa Symphony Patron Services Office at 50 Santa Rosa Avenue between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or purchase tickets online: <u>www.santarosasymphony.com</u>

#### **CALENDAR LISTING**

- What: The Santa Rosa Symphony presents: The Sonoma Paradiso Family Concert Series Concert 1 "Wild Animal Kingdom"
- Date: Sunday, October 20, 2013
- Time: 3 p.m; pre-concert activities start at 2 p.m. with an Instrument Petting Zoo
- Venue: Weill Hall, Green Music Center at Sonoma State University (Petaluma Hill Road and Rohnert Park Expressway)
- Who: Santa Rosa Symphony Richard Loheyde, conductor Marcy Smothers, narrator Kymry Esainko, piano Miles Graber, piano Roustabout Theater

## Program:

Camille Saint-Saëns	The Carnival of the Animals
	Introduction and Royal March of the Lion
	Hens and Roosters
	Wild Donkeys – Fleet Animals
	Tortoises
	The Elephant
	Kangaroos
	Aquarium Decente with Long Fore
	People with Long Ears Cuckoo in the Depths of the Woods
	Aviary
	Pianists
	Fossils
	The Swan
	Finale
Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov	"Flight of the Bumblebee" from the Tale of Tsar Saltan
Elton John/Hans Zimmer	"I Just Can't Wait to be King" from The Lion King
Aaron Copland	Old American Songs
•	I Bought Me a Cat
	The Little Horses
Leroy Anderson	Old MacDonald
	Chicken Reel
Gioacchino Rossini	Excerpt from Overture to La Gazza Ladra [The Thieving Magpie]
Johann Strauss, Jr.	Excerpt from Overture to Die Fledermaus [The Bat]
Igor Stravinsky	Finale from <i>The Firebird</i> for Orchestra
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RESERVED SEATING. NO PARKING FEE.

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## FUTURE FAMILY SERIES CONCERTS:

The Mozart Experience Sunday, January 19, 2014 – 3 pm Richard Loheyde, conductor Magic Circle Mime Company

Beethoven Lives Upstairs Sunday, April 6, 2014 – 3 pm Richard Loheyde, conductor Classical Kids Live!

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