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**Bobby Rogers conducts the Santa Rosa Symphony for their second
2022-2023 season Family Series concert *Beethoven Lives Upstairs*.
January 15, 2023 at 3 pm, Weill Hall, Green Music Center**

(Santa Rosa, Calif.) — The Santa Rosa Symphony (SRS), conducted by Bobby Rodgers, the SRS Youth Orchestra’s conductor presents the second in their Family Series *Beethoven Lives Upstairs* in conjunction with Classical Kids Live! This inspiring performance tells the story of how a young boy comes to understand Beethoven’s genius, his music’s beauty, and the torment of his deafness. The audience will experience more than twenty-five excerpts of the master’s music, including Moonlight Sonata, Für Elise, and the great Fifth and Ninth Symphonies. The music is magically woven into the drama as two actors share their anecdotes and observations based on true incidents from the composer’s life. With history, drama, music, and fun, this engaging concert is an ideal addition to all children’s education. For pre-concert fun kids of all ages can enjoy the complimentary Instrument Petting Zoo that starts at 2 pm. An assortment of instruments including violins, cellos and trombones will be represented.

“Beethoven composed so much memorable music, it’s exciting to engage and introduce this to a young and impressionable audience through short excerpts from some of his famous life works and biography of the composer. From Leonore’s Overture to his piano works, Sonatas, and most well-known Symphonies.” Bobby Rogers

Bobby Rogers, the SRS Youth Orchestra conductor, conducts this performance. Rogers is a graduate of Sonoma State University (B.A. in Music Education and Jazz Performance), Sacramento State University (M.A. in Wind Conducting), and Boston University (M.M.Ed. in Music Education). He was the Region Three finalist for California Teacher of the Year in 2009, Claus Noble Educator of Distinction in 2010 and Program of Excellence for the top program in Yolo County in 2015.

Rogers studied conducting with Craig Kirchoff of the University of Minnesota, John Whitwell of Michigan State University, H. Robert Reynolds of the University of Michigan and USC Thornton School of Music, Mallory Thompson of Northwestern University, Jack Stamp of Indiana State, and Dr. Robert Halseth of Sacramento State University.

SPONSORS:

The 2022-2023 Santa Rosa Symphony Family Series is sponsored by **The Alan and Susan Seidenfeld Charitable Trust**, and **Victor and Karen Trione**.

High-res photos available:

- [Bobby Rogers](#)

Interview Opportunities: Bobby Rogers

AT A GLANCE / CALENDAR LISTING:

WHAT: [Santa Rosa Symphony Family Series “Beethoven Lives Upstairs”](#)

WHO: [Santa Rosa Symphony](#),
[Bobby Rogers, conductor](#)

WHEN: Sunday, January 15, 2022 at 3:00 pm, doors at 1:30 pm. (Instrument Petting Zoo at 2:00 pm)

WHERE: Weill Hall, Green Music Center, Sonoma State University

TICKET PRICES:

\$20 adult, \$10 child (12 and under)

TICKETS: srsymphony.org or (707) 546-8742 (Weekdays 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, opening at 10:30 am Wed.)

ABOUT SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY

Santa Rosa Symphony, the Resident Orchestra of the Green Music Center, is the third-oldest professional orchestra in California, and the largest regional symphony north of Los Angeles. Francesco Lecce-Chong, the Symphony's fifth music director in its 95 years, began his tenure in 2018. Alan Silow, President & CEO, began his tenure in 2002. The Symphony is committed to the core values of artistic excellence, innovative programming, comprehensive music education and community service.

The Symphony's performance schedule includes 21 Classical Series concerts (seven sets), seven Discovery Dress Rehearsal concerts, a three-concert Family Series and a four-concert Pops Series, as well as special concerts.

Awards include an American Symphony Orchestra League MetLife Award for Community Engagement and a first-place award for adventurous programming in the 2012-2013 season from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

The Symphony is recognized as having one of California's most comprehensive music education programs, serving nearly 30,000 youths annually. Collaborations with schools and organizations across Sonoma County have gained the Santa Rosa Symphony national attention and support.

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