

Solano Symphony Orchestra

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Solano Symphony Orchestra's 2018 Opening Night presents musical drama and excitement—Violinist Pierce Wang returns to perform the Violin Concerto No. 3 by Saint-Saëns and the Orchestra lets loose with Symphony No. 9 by Shostakovich.

The Solano Symphony Orchestra begins its 32nd season with three magnificent musical offerings chosen from the world's best overtures, concertos, and symphonies. Under the direction of Maestro Semyon Lohss, the Symphony launches the program with Franz Schubert's effervescent overture to the play *Rosamunde*, a perennial favorite with audiences since its first performance. The program continues with a genuine treat, as the Symphony welcomes back the violin prodigy Pierce Wang, who performs the dramatic and dazzling Violin Concerto No. 3 by the French master, Camille Saint-Saëns.

Dimitri Shostakovich's quirky and rambunctious Symphony No. 9 completes the program, showcasing the lighter side of the Russian composer's supreme symphonic craft. The work is full of jocular instrumental contrasts, engaging rhythms, and musical surprises, and it dispels any notion that Shostakovich's music can't be fun. From first to last, the Symphony No. 9 presents a musical carnival that is a free-for-all of energy, reflection, and exuberance.

Whether the listener is new to the sound and repertoire of a full symphonic orchestra or is savoring the rehearing of a beloved piece, each of the program's selections is music that will energetically speak to the listener's ear, mind, and heart.

Concerts are Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 8 PM at the Downtown Theatre in Fairfield (1035 Texas St., Fairfield) and Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 3 PM at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre (1010 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville).

Tickets for the Fairfield performance can be purchased at the Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas Street, Fairfield, 707-940-0700. Website: www.fairfelddowntowntheatre.com.

Tickets for the Vacaville performance can be purchased at the Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville, 707-469-4013. Website: www.vpat.net. Tickets for both performances may also be purchased online via PayPal on the Symphony's website: www.solanosymphony.org or by mail at Solano Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 154, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Ticket Pricing: Adults \$30; Senior (62) \$25; Student \$15 (with High School or College ID); Children under 12 \$10; Family-2 Adults & 2 Children \$50. Tickets may be purchased at both theaters one hour before the performance. Both theaters have open