



Symphony Notes

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THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY

Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director Emeritus

Presents

Fantastic Flute!

Lara Webber, Music Director & Conductor

Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 8:00 p.m.

**BANKHEAD THEATER, 2400 First Street, Livermore
Livermore Performing Arts Center**

Prelude talk 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Doors open no earlier than 6:45 p.m.

Lara Webber

“Our Town”

Aaron Copland

Flute Concerto No. 7 in E Minor

François Devienne

Annie Wu, soloist

~~~~~**Intermission**~~~~~

**Symphony No. 1 in E Minor**

**Jean Sibelius**

#### **TICKET INFORMATION**

**Tickets are available at the Bankhead ticket office.**

**Contributions to the Symphony may also be given at the ticket office.**

**In Person:** Bankhead Theater Ticket Office, 2400 First Street, Livermore  
Tuesday through Friday, Noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday 3–6 p.m.

**Website:** [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)      **Phone:** 925-373-6800

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**Linda Tinney,**     *From our*  
**LAS Guild**      *Presidents* 

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**Denise Leddon,**  
**LAS Association**

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I think all who attended the February 21 concert would agree that it was wonderful! From the prelude talk to the reception after the performance, it was a grand evening. Our youth competition winners were spectacular in their individual performances of two very difficult piano concerto movements, and continued to wow us with their encores. Vincent Liu played “La Campanella” by Liszt; Misha Galant performed William Bolcom's “The Serpent's Kiss” from *Garden of Eden Suite*, literally a “knuckle buster.”

Intermission was equally exciting with the appearance of the middle school jazz band “Element 116,” directed by our own Matt Finders. Most of the audience gathered in the lobby for their lively performance. We are extremely fortunate to live in a community with so many musical listening and performing opportunities.

The Guild is organizing two very special events related to our May 16 concert that will feature Elizabeth Pitcairn performing Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major on her 1720 “Red Mendelssohn” Stradivarius violin. The first is a screening of the 1998 film *The Red Violin* at the Vine Theater in Livermore on May 7, followed by a dessert and beverage party at the Zephyr Grill & Bar next door. There will be plenty of seating for the film, but the after-party will only accommodate 38 attendees, so you must reserve in advance. On May 15, the Guild will host a soirée featuring Ms. Pitcairn performing on her violin in a private concert. Her program will consist of novelty and encore pieces and is certain to be a very special evening. Since it will be held in a private home, only a limited number of tickets are available and must be ordered in advance. See page 3 for further information.

Page 3 also has details about our April 11 concert with fantastic flutist 19-year-old local resident Annie Wu!

As always, thanks to all Guild board members and the entire Guild for their tireless efforts to support our wonderful orchestra.

*Linda Tinney, LAS Guild President*

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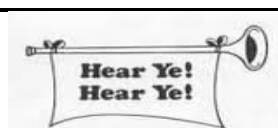
*The Livermore-Amador Symphony*  
is a Resident Company of the Bankhead Theater and  
a member of the Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC).

A treat is in store for you at our next concert on April 11. We've heard our flute soloist Annie Wu in rehearsal and at our recent youth outreach events. She's an energetic delight. She's a master at the age of 19 with a playful laugh.

These are exciting times for our Symphony! As we approach our Annual Association Meeting on April 21, we are searching for new board members. Consider helping shape the Symphony from behind the scenes by becoming a board member. Any skill is much appreciated. Some examples are music, graphic arts, computers, writing, business, finance, law, and marketing. Drop me a line at [denise@leddon.net](mailto:denise@leddon.net) or call me at 925-699-2738 for more information. You may also get in touch with Nominating Committee chair David Greiner at [greinerd@pacbell.net](mailto:greinerd@pacbell.net).

See you at the April concert! Annie Wu's energy is catching.

*Denise Leddon, LAS Association President*



**Livermore-Amador  
Symphony Association Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
8:15 PM  
East Avenue Middle School, Livermore  
Refreshments provided by the Guild.**

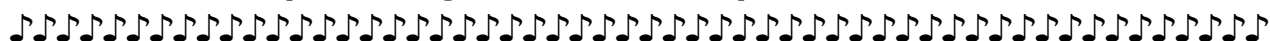
**Notice to Concert Ticket Holders.  
Can't use your concert tickets?**

Call the Bankhead Ticket Office (925-373-6800) up to 1 hour before the concert to release your seats. You will be mailed a tax donation receipt.

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Users!**  
 Like us on  
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Kathy Boster, who plays clarinet in the Symphony and co-directs our youth orchestra, also manages our Facebook presence. Check us out!

## Upcoming Concerts – Special Events!



### April 11 Concert “Fantastic Flute!”

Devienne’s Flute Concerto  
No. 7 in E Minor  
**Annie Wu, soloist**



Wu is a 2014 graduate Foothill of High School and a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, currently in a dual degree program at the New England Conservatory of Music and Harvard. She has performed with many orchestras, including San Francisco Symphony and Diablo Symphony Orchestra. Lara Webber says of Wu, “Annie’s love for music radiates out of every inch of her. At the age of 19, she is already a consummate musician with complete technical mastery of her instrument that is beyond impressive.”

### Annie Wu School Assemblies A Big Hit!

How do you play so fast? How long did it take to learn that? How old are you? When did you learn to play the flute? What do the notes look like? How do you make your flute do that? Is that a rap? Can you play it again?

The questions flew nearly as fast as the flutist’s fingers recently at school assemblies featuring phenomenal flute player Annie Wu! Over 300 kids attended (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes at Livermore’s Junction and Joe Michell schools, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade band students at Pleasanton’s Vintage Hills). Wu was accompanied by a string quartet of LAS players: Juliana Zolynas, Ursula Goldstein, Judy Beck, and Jim Aiken. Lara Webber conducted and served as MC. Beth Wilson, of LASA Youth Outreach committee, arranged for the programs.

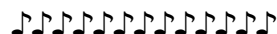
The musicians played selections from Devienne’s Concerto No. 7 in E minor, the instantly recognized “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” theme as arranged by Mozart, and Prokofiev’s “Peter and the Wolf.” Wu also performed two short solos: Debussy’s “Syrinx” and a modern work by Greg Pattillo, “Three Beats for Beatbox Flute.” The students were engaged throughout each assembly, but it was “Beatbox” that prompted the most attention. As Wu opened the piece, kids and adults alike searched for the other sources of sound! She obviously enjoyed playing for and interacting with the kids. Webber did a masterful job of involving the students—eager kids at each assembly raised their hands to share their knowledge and ask questions.

Wu’s YouTube channel has videos of several of her performances, including the Beatbox number: see <https://www.youtube.com/user/FluteyCutie27>.

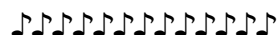


### May 16 Concert

**“Beethoven and the Red Violin”**  
**Elizabeth Pitcairn, violin**  
Beethoven’s Violin Concerto in D Major



Don’t miss out on these additional special *fundraising* events organized by the Symphony Guild as part of the May concert festivities. Mark your calendar and reserve your tickets now! *Events are expected to sell out.* **Contact Joan Dickinson 925-447-6454 for reservations.**



### Screening of the film *The Red Violin*

Support the Symphony along with other LAS friends by enjoying an evening of fun at the Vine Theater and Zephyr’s in downtown Livermore.

**Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7:00 PM**

**Vine Cinema**

**1722 First St., Livermore**

*Immediately followed by a*

**Dessert and Wine Buffet**

**Zephyr Grill and Bar**

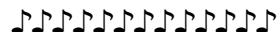
**1736 First St. (next door to the Vine)**

**\$10 movie only**

(Plenty of seating; purchase tickets at the door May 7.)

**\$50: movie and buffet**

*(Limited seating for the buffet; advance tickets only.)*



### Musical Soirée with Elizabeth Pitcairn

**Friday evening, May 15, 2015**

**Cost: \$85 (Must reserve in advance.)**

This event will be in a private Livermore home and feature a solo performance by Ms. Pitcairn, as well as a festive hors d’oeuvres buffet.

**NOTE:** If you signed up at the February concert for the dessert buffet or the soirée and have not been contacted yet, please call Joan Dickinson at 925-447-6454.

# Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild

## Guild Annual Spring Meeting Guild Elections

Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Home of Nan and Walter Davies

All Guild members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Following a brief business meeting, which will include election of officers for 2015–2016, Guild members and their guests will be entertained by Quail Run Trio (Linda Tinney, piano; Judy Eckart, violin; Margot Green, flute). The threesome will perform *Habanera* and *Entr'acte* by Georges Bizet, *The Lovers' Waltz* by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, *Basque* by Elton John, *Sobre La Plaza* by T. H. Rollinson, and *The Second Waltz* by Dmitri Shostakovich.

Come and elect your Guild's officers for the coming year and enjoy a wonderful evening of chamber music in a comfortable setting!

Cyndy Salmon, Chair

Program and Nominating Committees

## Election Slate

### Guild Officers:

**Linda Tinney**, President  
**Marie Ross**, Vice-President  
**Marcia Elchesen**, Recording Secretary  
**Joan Dickinson**, Treasurer  
**Leona Brush**, Corresponding Secretary  
**Parliamentarian**, Leota Lee

### Nominating Committee Members:

**Mary Ann Johnston** and **Barbara Morrison**  
(to serve from July 2015–June 2017).

A new chair will be appointed for 2015–2016.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

**Cyndy Salmon**, Nominating Committee Chair  
Committee Members: **Pat Burnett**, **Adela Cook**,  
**Carol Counts**, and **Sally Swanson**.



## ESTATE SALE NEWS

**Support the Guild:** Income from estate sales is one of the main ways the Guild raises money. Volunteer at a sale, shop at a sale, or ask the Guild to conduct a sale if you're closing out a home or significantly downsizing.

### March 5-6 Moving Sale A Success!

Where does it all come from? Even a very tidy house brings forth untold items for the Guild to sell. The March sale netted the Guild \$2548! Thanks to the skilled and energetic volunteers who worked for several days to price and display items, staff the sale, and clear up afterwards:

**Dean Burnett, Pat Burnett, Leona Brush, Dorothy Clarkson, Adela Cook, Carol Counts, Joan Dickinson, Judy Eckart, Marcia Elchesen, Patti Fredericks, Nancy Fritsch, Joan Green, Dick Hatfield, Mary Ann Johnston, Maudie Kuening, Leota Lee, Andy Lundberg, Pat Mann, Nancy McKenzie, Linda Miller, Barbara Morrison, Allene Nimitz, Charlie Nimitz, Marie Ross, Marie Ruzicka, Carlotta Schauer, Dale Schauer, Sonja Schlapfer, Joie Spooner, Sally Swanson, Naomi Webster, and Ayn Wieskamp.**

**Next sale: May 1-2 in San Ramon.** Contact Marie Ruzicka <[marie.ruz@gmail.com](mailto:marie.ruz@gmail.com)> or Nancy McKenzie (925-294-8657) if you can help. We will be carpooling from Livermore.

### SAVE THE DATE!

June 5-6

**Guild Estate Sales Committee  
Clearance Sale**

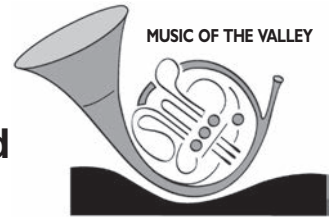
**3737 1<sup>st</sup> St., Livermore  
(Old Ford Showroom)**

**50% off all items!** (except jewelry)

We are dragging everything out of our storage unit and collecting from all of you who have been storing Guild items at your home! Contact Marie Ruzicka or Nancy McKenzie to arrange for pickup.

If you'd like email notices of upcoming sales and don't currently receive them, email **Marie Ruzicka**, Estate Sales Chair <[marie.ruz@gmail.com](mailto:marie.ruz@gmail.com)>

## Be a Symphony Supporting Player!



## Join the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild provides support to the Symphony. The Guild produces and distributes concert-season brochures, hosts receptions, raises funds (organizes and runs estate sales, plans and produces the annual Pops concert, e.g.), and more.

Members gather for a prelude event in September, for evening meetings in January and April, and for a luncheon in May. Music is a part of each gathering. Please join the Guild!

### Yes, I'll help, and I'd be especially willing to:

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sort and price items prior to garage/estate sales   | <input type="checkbox"/> Work at garage/estate sales         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan/produce the annual Pops concert                | <input type="checkbox"/> Work at the Pops concert            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publish the <i>Symphony Notes</i> newsletter        | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan new fundraisers and activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organize musical entertainment for meetings         | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone members                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair a committee / serve on the board of directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit new members                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase and organize refreshments                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport food, sale items, etc.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order/pick up flowers for concert soloists          | <input type="checkbox"/> Present flowers to soloists         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist at receptions at Guild meetings, etc.        | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist at receptions after concerts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide my house for a reception                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff a table at concerts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive Guild members to events/concerts              | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                               |

**Please note that I need a ride to events/concerts**

**Active Members** are asked to help in some way with every fundraiser, and

**Associate Members** are asked to help with at least one Guild activity.

**Friends of the Guild** are not required to help beyond payment of dues but will receive all notices of Guild activities and meetings. Friends do not have voting privileges.

### Annual Dues

Active Member  \$10.00

(\$20.00 if not contributing food for meetings / receptions)

Associate Member  \$35.00

Friend of the Guild  \$50.00

I am joining as a Friend of the Guild, but please **do contact me** about opportunities to help with Guild activities as they arise.

I am joining as a Friend of the Guild; please do not contact me to ask for additional assistance.

Make checks payable to Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild or L.A.S.G.

Please write *Active*, *Associate* or *Friend* on the check.

**Bring check and form to the May luncheon or send to:**

Membership Chairman  
L.A.S. Guild  
P. O. Box 1049  
Livermore, CA 94551-1049

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*For more information, contact Linda Miller at (925) 443-7398.*

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## Calendar - April 2015 and Beyond

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

***Livermore-Amador Symphony Concert: Fantastic Flute!***

**Annie Wu, soloist**

**8:00 p.m., The Bankhead Theater, Livermore**

See pages 1, 2, and 3.

**Thursday, April 16, 2015**

***Guild Annual Spring Meeting 7:30 p.m.***

See page 4.

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

***Livermore-Amador Symphony Association Annual Meeting***

**8:15 p.m., East Avenue Middle School, Livermore**

See page 2.

**Special Events for our May Concert:**

See pages 2 and 3.

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

***Fundraiser Screening of the 1998 Film, The Red Violin***

**7:00 p.m., The Vine Theater, Livermore, immediately followed by**

**9:00 p.m., Dessert and wine buffet at Zephyr Restaurant, Livermore**

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See pages 2 and 3.