



Symphony Notes

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THE LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY

Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director Emeritus

Presents

Symphonic Stories

Lara Webber, Music Director & Conductor

Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 8:15 p.m.

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

Hänsel and Gretel Prelude

Engelbert Humperdinck

Peter and the Wolf

John Marchand, narrator

Sergei Prokofiev

~~~~~Intermission~~~~~

*Ma mère l'oye (Mother Goose)* Suite

**Maurice Ravel**

*Sleeping Beauty* Suite

**Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**

#### **TICKET INFORMATION**

**Season & single-concert 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 Saturday, Noon to 6 p.m.

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

Make checks payable to LVPAC.

♪♪ *From the LAS Guild President* ♪♪

The Guild's 2015-16 season began September 17 with our annual Prelude Party at the fellowship hall of St. Bartholomew's church in Livermore. There was a short business meeting followed by delicious refreshments furnished by Guild volunteers. The event was well attended, owing to the efforts of Joan Green. Valley Dance Theatre provided a delightful program, featuring young dancers of all ages. Thanks to Betsy Hausburg, VDT Artistic Director, and to her talented dance students.

Our annual fundraiser concert was titled "Dream along with the Pops," and it was tremendous fun. It was also a real community event, thanks to Dr. Barry Russell, President of Las Positas College; Scott Kenison, Executive Director of LVPAC; Matt Finders and his wonderful young jazz ensemble "Element 116," and lovely young harpist, Anna Lorenz. A huge thank you to Nancy McKenzie, chair of this year's event, the Pops committee, and to all of the Pops volunteers. Well done! [See Pops article on page 6.]

The Guild will host a reception in the lobby of the Bankhead Theater following each concert this season. Please join us for sparkling wine, cider, or coffee, and some wonderful social time!

As I begin my 4<sup>th</sup> year as Guild President, I want to thank the Guild's dedicated board and committee members: Leona Brush, Pat Burnett, Adela Cook, Nan Davies, Joan Dickinson, Marcia Elchesen, Joan Green, Mary Ann Johnston, Maudie Kuenning, Denise Leddon, Leota Lee, Nancy McKenzie, Linda Miller, Helen Moore, Barbara Morrison, Allene Nimitz, Marie Ross, Marie Ruzicka, and Sally Swanson. Thank you to the entire Guild for supporting our fabulous Symphony.

Lastly, thank you, Lara Webber, for being our wonderful orchestra leader and for making it so much fun to work with you. This is a fabulous time to be involved in the Livermore arts community.

*Linda Tinney, LAS Guild President*

**December Concert  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REMINDER!**

**Concert begins at 8:15 p.m.  
There will be no prelude talk!**

**Education AWARDS will be presented  
to 4 high school seniors after intermission.**



**\*Following the Concert\*  
Join us for a Reception  
in the Bankhead Lobby!  
Hosted by the Guild.**

***Spread the Word!*  
Special Event**

***Livermore-Amador Symphony performs  
Symphony Storytime & Surprises:  
A Free Family Concert!  
December 5, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.  
Bankhead Theater  
See page 4 for details!***

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**—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.



# Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild

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## ESTATE SALES NEWS

♪ **The Estate Sales Committee** (Chair **Marie Ruzicka**; members **Leona Brush, Adela Cook, Maudie Kuening, Pat Mann, Nancy McKenzie** and **Allene Nimitz**) organized five sales during the 2014-15 season, **raising a total profit of over \$14,300** for the Symphony! The income from the estate sales is the primary way the Guild raises money. Each sale takes countless hours to make arrangements and prepare items for sale, work on sale days, and clean up afterwards.

### Moving Sale May 1-2

It was hard to avoid staring out to the garden views, yet the committed Guild volunteers moved, arranged, and priced all the items in this home in the hills overlooking San Ramon Valley. Birds (statues) flew out of the house and salt and pepper sets and milk glass dishes left to adorn new homes.

### Clearance Sale June 5-6

For its final sale of the season, the Guild held a huge clearance sale of leftover items from previous sales events, with most items marked 50% off. It was held in the old Ford showroom on First Street in Livermore, thanks to the generosity of John Bohrer and the Codioli family. They allowed us to use the building at no cost, from May 20<sup>th</sup> until the week following the sale. The Guild succeeded in clearing out a lot of inventory,

including several sets of dishes, and made about \$3500 profit. Several orchestra members and their families shopped the sale and made purchases.

The sales were produced under the direction of Estate Sales Committee members **Marie Ruzicka** (chair), **Leona Brush, Adela Cook, Maudie Kuening, Nancy McKenzie,** and **Allene Nimitz.**

Volunteers at one or both sales included **Pat Burnett, Bob Canning, Patty Canning, Dorothy Clarkson, Carol Counts, Joan Dickinson, Marcia Elchesen, Patti Fredericks, Evelyn Foster, Joan Green, Mary Ann Johnston, Jean King, Leota Lee, Pat Mann, Linda Miller, Helen Moore, Barbara Morrison, Sharron Morrison, Sue Rabe, Bobbie Rothenberg, Carlotta Schauer, Sonja Schlapfer, Joie Spooner,** and **Ayn Wieskamp.**

*Well done, all! Pat Mann*

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♪ **SUPPORT THE GUILD'S EFFORTS!** Volunteer at a sale, shop at a sale, or ask the Guild to conduct a sale if you are closing out a home or significantly downsizing. 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)>.

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**SAVE the Date!**

♪ **Pops Concert** ♪

**Friday, October 21, 2016**

The Pops Committee begins work in January!

**Have you heard?**

*The Guild is sponsoring a*

**HARPIST**

*to play with the orchestra  
for the  
2015-16 concerts!*





**Livermore-Amador Symphony Presents**

♪♪ **SPECIAL YOUTH CONCERTS** ♪♪

**PETER AND THE WOLF**

**“It is the mission of LAS to bring music and the arts to everyone in our community.  
Musical expression ignites the imagination and fuels creativity.”**

**Lara Webber, Music Director and Conductor, Livermore-Amador Symphony**

**Symphony Storytime & Surprises: A Free Family Concert  
Bankhead Theater December 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m. with**



The Symphony is delighted to announce this free LAS family concert, featuring Prokofiev’s *Peter and the Wolf*. The concert will also include holiday favorites with our special guest, Cantabella Children’s Chorus. Immediately afterwards in the lobby, the audience will be invited to meet symphony and chorus members and take part in an Instrument Petting Zoo, a hands-on experience with a variety of musical instruments. The concert will be about 50 minutes long, completed in plenty of time for

families to find a good spot to watch the Livermore Holiday Parade downtown!

The concert is free, but tickets must be reserved, and concertgoers should arrive at the theater thirty minutes prior to ensure seating. This performance is underwritten by a \$5000 donation from Shea Homes and support from LVPAC. Get tickets by calling the Bankhead ticket office at 925-373-6800 or use this LAS website link: <http://livermoreamadorsymphony.org/tickets.html>.

**Symphony November 5<sup>th</sup> Performances  
Livermore Elementary Schools**

Twenty-seven Livermore-Amador Symphony musicians took to the stage at three Livermore schools on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Under the direction of conductor Lara Webber, they performed a concert program at Jackson Avenue, Marilyn Avenue and Arroyo Seco schools to an audience totaling more than 1000 children. Webber noted, “Because opportunities for students to take cultural and artistic field trips are scarce, often due to transportation costs, the Livermore-Amador Symphony chose to bring a symphony concert directly to the students.” She continued, “Through these performances, the Symphony hopes to introduce young listeners to the orchestra, and to the joy of making music a part of daily life.”

“Washington Post March” closed the concert. Students at each school were attentive and enthusiastic. There were even a few future conductors practicing in the audience, and lots of kids were eager to ask questions at the end.

Beth Wilson, LASA Youth Outreach Committee chair, worked closely with Webber to arrange the assemblies, with assistance from LASA Board president Denise Leddon and Juliana Zolynas. All three are LAS musicians and played in the concerts. After the morning concerts, performers were invited to a sandwich lunch at Juliana’s home, organized by Guild members Marcia Elchesen and Nancy McKenzie. The Symphony is grateful that grants from Livermore Rotary and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Education Fund helped sponsor the concerts.

Children reacted particularly to the sound produced by the bassoon, oboe and tympani as Webber introduced the instrument families. The “Star Spangled Banner” opened the program, followed by Prokofiev’s *Peter and the Wolf*, narrated by Livermore’s mayor, John Marchand. Sousa’s

♪ Look for coverage of the school concerts in the *Livermore Independent* and *Tri-Valley Times*.

# ♪♪ The Future of Classical Music! ♪♪

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## Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra (LASYO)

### Celebrates Seventh Successful Season!

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra performed its 7<sup>th</sup> annual summer concert on August 8 at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore to an almost “sold-out” house. Over 75 musicians, from the Tri-Valley and beyond, began their weekly concert rehearsals at the Bothwell Arts Center in June.

The program included Beethoven’s Romance No.2 in F Major for Violin and Orchestra (Anna Renton, soloist) as well as the Overture and Turkish March from *Ruins of Athens*; Irish Tune from County Derry by Percy Grainger; Charles Gounod’s Funeral March of a Marionette; J.S. Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto No.3 in G Major, 3<sup>rd</sup> movement; Mozart’s Symphony No. 35 (“Haffner”), 1<sup>st</sup> movement; and Legende by Carl Stix. A highlight of the concert was the world premiere of “Changing of the Seasons,” with composer Peter Chatterjee conducting the orchestra. Peter, an alumnus of LASYO, graduated from Granada High in Livermore and is currently a student at Berklee College of Music. The concertmaster was Ethan Ha, a recent Livermore HS graduate, who also played LAS first violin for three seasons.

Betsy Hausburg coordinates LASYO, which is sponsored by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association; Göran Berg and Kathy Boster have served as music directors for several seasons. Hausburg and Boster are both LAS musicians while Berg is artistic director of Sycamore Strings Academy in Livermore.

Several mentors rehearsed with the students, some of whom also played in the concert: Jim Aikin, Bob Bryant, Mary Burchett, Larry George, Patricia Lay, Jacqueline McBride, Danielle Napoleon, April Nissen, Cyndy Salmon, Diane Schildbach, Marcus Schildbach, Lynn Stasko, and Beth Wilson.

***Congratulations to All!***

## COMPETITION FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

The winners of the 43rd annual competition, held on October 18, were cellist Jiho Choi, a junior at Amador Valley High School, and violinist Dong Hui (Tony) Kim, a junior at Dublin High School. For the competition, Jiho performed the first movement of Cello Concerto No.1 in E-flat Major, Op.107, by Shostakovich, and Tony performed the first movement of Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto in D Major, Op.35. As soloists they will perform the same works with the Symphony at its February 20 concert. Judges for the competition were Lara Webber, LAS music director, and Katy Juneau, principal viola for the Fremont Symphony.

Thanks to Joan Dickinson for her computer work, to Maudie Kuenning for the refreshments, and, as always, special thanks to Ann Kasameyer for providing her home to the LAS Association as the site of the competition.

***JoAnn Cox, Competition Chair***

## STUDENT PERFORMERS AT JANUARY 28 WINTER GUILD MEETING

Three students who participated in the Competition for Young Musicians were selected by the judges to perform at the Guild meeting on Thursday evening, January 28. The meeting starts at 7:30, and the musical program will begin at approximately 7:45. The students are pianist Chloe Ma, a sophomore at Dublin High School; cellist Sean Lee, a freshman at Dougherty Valley High School; and pianist Rachel Liu, also a freshman at Dougherty Valley High School. The location is the home of Ann Kasameyer. Members of the orchestra and the LASA Board, along with their guests, are invited to join Guild members in listening to these talented young musicians. ***JoAnn Cox***



Access a video of the LASYO concert and the concert program from our website!

[www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org/lasyo.html](http://www.livermoreamadorsymphony.org/lasyo.html)

**Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild's  
37<sup>th</sup> Annual Pops Concert  
"Dream along with the Pops" a Big Success!**

We did it again! On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, over 400 attendees ate, drank, sang, and made money for our wonderful Livermore-Amador Symphony at the Guild's annual Pops concert. The Cresta Blanca room at Robert Livermore Community Center was at capacity with 41 tables.

LAS conductor and music director Lara Webber led the orchestra in dream-themed songs, many of them sing-along numbers, including "Beautiful Dreamer," "The Impossible Dream," "Over the Rainbow," "A Kiss to Build a Dream On," and many more. Scott Kenison, the executive director of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, led the sing-alongs.

A special surprise was the performance of "Dream a Little Dream of Me," sung by trio Scott Kenison, Lara Webber, and LAS Guild president Linda Tinney, accompanied by Anna Lorenz on piano and Matt Finders on electric bass. The concert closed with a featured piano solo by Barry Russell, president of Las Positas College, in "Forgotten Dreams."

The evening's biggest hit was Element 116, a jazz group of middle and high school students who played several well-known tunes, including "In the Mood" and "California Dreamin'." Members of the group included **Aidan Ackerman, Carson Bowman, Atticus Cummings, Edison Cummings, Sarah Davisson, Elsa Friedman, Nicolas Gottero, Audrey Kane, Alyson Machi, Chris Miller, Sydney Myers, Ben Olson, D'Angelo Shepard, Dylan Steill, and Brynli Toulze**. The band is directed by Matt Finders, a graduate of Livermore High School, who has recently returned to the area after a professional career as a jazz musician. Finders also currently directs jazz bands at several local middle schools and at Livermore High. His mom, longtime LAS Guild member Marcia Finders, was among the enthusiastic audience members.

Prizes were awarded for best costumes, and two happy raffle winners took home wonderful gift baskets. The winner of the always-popular guest conductor raffle directed the orchestra in Sousa's "Washington Post March" to an enthusiastic response from the audience.

***Thanks to:***

- Guest performers **Scott Kenison, Barry Russell, Matt Finders** and **Element 116**;
- The dedicated **Pops Steering Committee**: **Walter Davies, Joan Dickinson, Joan Green, Denise Leddon, Sally Marone, Linda Miller, Barbara Morrison, Marie Ruzicka, and Linda Tinney**;
- LAS Music Director and Conductor **Lara Webber**, who also worked with the steering committee on selecting the music;
- Guild members and friends who assisted the committee with a variety of tasks (gift baskets, table decorations, setup, greeting audience members, selling raffle tickets, working the drinks booth, cleanup, and more): **Leona Brush, Pat Burnett, Adela Cook, Carol Counts, Patti Fredericks, Dennis Elchesen, Marcia Elchesen, Meredith Guthrie, Rick Guthrie, Dick Hatfield, Mary Justice, Mary Ann Johnston, Jean King, Lou Ann Martin, Maudie Kuenning, Leota Lee, Pat Mann, Judy McMurry, Linda Miller, Sharron Morrison, Janice Paquette, Wendy Rosenkilde, Ron Scudder, and Sally Swanson**; Sally Marone's teenage grandson **Griffin Lawrence**, and his friends **Matthew Larson and Nina Menon**, who were all fantastic "go-fers" throughout the evening.
- Our wonderful **LAS orchestra and Pops audience members**.

**You all helped make the POPS pop!**  
*Nancy McKenzie, 2015 POPS Committee Chair*

## ♪ ANNOUNCEMENTS ♪

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**We invite YOU to join the
A.P. Barnes Society!**

**Members of this newly formed society are
dedicated supporters who have included
Livermore-Amador Symphony in their estate plans.**

You can help us to

- ♪ **Sustain the Artistic Growth of the Symphony**
- ♪ **Provide Access and Enrichment to Young People**
- ♪ **Strengthen the Financial Foundation
of the Symphony**

For more information, please contact
APBarnesSociety@livermoreamadorsymphony.org

**If you have already included LAS in your estate plans,
we would love to hear from you!
All information is confidential.**

Bryan Waugh, LAS horn player, has been appointed to the new volunteer position of personnel manager for the orchestra.

Nick James has resigned from the LAS Association board. The board appreciates his service and is glad that he will continue as principal bass player in the orchestra.

The Association board welcomes **Juliana Zolynas** as its newest member. She was selected to fill Nick James's unexpired term (through June 2018). Juliana plays first violin in LAS.

Virginia McFann, an original LAS member, has recently announced her retirement from the orchestra. Her contributions over the years to the Symphony organization as a member of the orchestra, Association, and Guild are mind-boggling! Virginia says she looks forward to enjoying the concerts from the other side—look for her in the audience!

Congratulations to **Brian Maddox** and his wife Mary Beth on the birth of their daughter. Brian has played trumpet with LAS for the last several years.



Livermore-Amador Symphony is a member of LCAC, which encourages "cross-promotion" among the arts groups. Check out their calendar: <http://www.independentnews.com/calendar/>

**Attention
Facebook
Users!**



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



**The May 2015 Red Violin Fundraiser
Events produced by the LAS Guild
made a profit of \$5825 for the Symphony!**

***Thanks to these generous folks who
donated wine for our Pops Concert!***

William Thompson,
Harris Tesla Vineyards
Jim & Cheryl Perry,
Eagle Ridge Vineyard
Norm & Stephanie Petermeier,
Villa per Dué Vineyard

**Look for the Symphony Association's Annual Financial
Report Fiscal Year 2014–2015 in the February 2016
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SYMPHONY NOTES

Calendar

December 2015 and Beyond

Saturday, December 5, 2015

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Livermore-Amador Symphony Concerts:

The Bankhead Theater, Livermore

3:00 p.m., *Symphony Storytime & Surprises: A Free Family Concert*

8:15 p.m., *Symphonic Stories*

Thursday, January 28, 2016

See page 5.

Guild Winter Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 20, 2016

See page 5.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Concert: Color and Romance

With Solos by Winners of the Competition for Young Musicians

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

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Livermore-Amador Symphony Concert: Dvořák Cello Concerto

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

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Livermore-Amador Symphony Concert: A Tale of Two Cities

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