## Silicon Valley Symphony

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## Silicon Valley Symphony "The Planets" Concert

WHO: Silicon Valley Symphony
WHAT: "The Planets" Concert

WHEN: **8:00 PM, Saturday, June 7, 2008** 

WHERE: Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, 16575 Shannon Rd. Los Gatos, CA 95032
TICKETS: \$20 general, \$15 Senior/Student; Children age 12 and younger FREE with adult

available at the door or orchestra members; tickets also available on our website

WEBSITE: Concert page: www.bamusic.org/svs/html/concerts.html PARKING: FREE Parking; FREE Champagne Reception with food

The Silicon Valley Symphony is proud to present "**The Planets**" **Concert** in the beautiful Sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, on Saturday, June 7, 2008, at 8:00 PM. Ticket donation is \$20 general and \$15 seniors and students; children age 12 and younger are FREE with an adult. The Silicon Valley Symphony features a magical cavalcade of music: great opera arias, local prize winning youth orchestra, young artists competition winners playing in the SVS, and the monumental Suite for Large Orchestra "The Planets" by Gustav Holst, with Margaret Martin Kvamme playing our fabulous and powerful pipe organ – and much more in an exciting "child-friendly" performance. This is a concert goers' concert! Our previous concert sold out with standing room only. Get your tickets now and arrive early for good seats.

Michael Paul Gibson leads the Silicon Valley Symphony in "The Planets" – Holst, Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, Bizet, Saint Saëns, + more – WOW! What a fantastic collection of fabulous music, singing, young musicians and prize winners in ground breaking collaboration! Initial excitement begins with Tchaikovsky's thrilling "Marche Slave." Winners of the young artist's competition held at Castillero Middle School will join the orchestra, sitting right next to SVS musicians in this spirited performance. Shirley Harned Kelley, mezzo-soprano who has sung leading roles with opera companies from Seattle to Mexico City and PCLG, sings two fabulous arias from "Carmen," one of the greatest and most popular operas ever written. 1st place prize winning Castillero Middle School Advanced Orchestra, conducted by Scott Krijnen (our Principal Cellist and past soloist with SVS) present "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" by Hans Zimmer, arr. Ted Ricketts and "Carpe Diem" by Richard Meyer. Then in an intriguing educational collaboration, woodwinds, brass, and percussion members of the SVS join Scott and his budding musicians in playing "Bacchanale" by Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Merle J. Isaac. Rounding out the first half, young contest winners rejoin the SVS in performing "Berceuse and Finale" from the "Firebird Suite" by Igor Stravinsky. Catch a deep breath of fresh air, then........ Blast off with us to "The Planets" – an awe inspiring spatial collage of sound that bends the imagination with splashes of color and excitement at warp speed!

Don't miss this marvelous musical opportunity! Join the musicians after the concert in the Social Hall for a FREE Champagne Reception with sumptuous snacks and live jazz music furnished by Don Pender.

Check out our concert web page and past audio recordings at: http://www.bamusic.org/svs/html/concerts.html

We hope to see you, your children, family and friends in the audience. One performance only and seating is limited to 500. You can purchase tickets online, from orchestra members, or at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance. Advance ticket holders will be allowed entrance 45 minutes prior to the performance. No reserved seats. Seating is first come, first served.

The SVS is sponsored by the Bay Area Music Foundation and sponsored in part by the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (PCLG), and Foothill College Performing Arts Alliance.

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