



Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

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**PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 43rd SEASON SECOND CONCERT
A PROGRAM OF CLASSICAL MUSIC
*December 13 Concert Features World Renowned Pianist Robert Schwartz***

DATE & TIME: Saturday, December 13, 8:00 p.m.
 PLACE: Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University

PROGRAM: Mozart Piano Concerto No.17 in G Major
 Mozart Adagio and Fugue
 Beethoven Symphony No. 5

TICKETS: \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 students
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The concert features masterpieces by Mozart and Beethoven, undisputed superstars of the Classical Style. World renowned pianist Robert Schwartz will join PACO for Mozart's wonderful Piano Concerto # 17 in G major, and the ensemble will also perform Mozart's amazing Adagio and Fugue, a piece that proved how revolutionary Mozart really was! Beethoven's titanic Symphony No. 5 forms the centerpiece of this concert, and will be performed by the combined forces of PACO and the Sinfonia Ensemble. Also featured will be some musical humor at the expense of Beethoven: PDQ Bach's delightful "sportscast" of the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth, narrated by Art Barnes and Cary Chin. Chamber music performed by members of the PACO orchestra will also be included..

The concert, to be conducted by PACO Music Director Benjamin Simon, will take place at 8:00 p.m. at Dinkelspiel Auditorium on the Stanford University campus.

About the Soloist

Robert Schwartz, a winner of numerous awards including the 1975 Ravel Prize at the Marguerite Long International Competition in Paris, has performed extensively in the U.S. and abroad. Of his

performance of the Shostakovich first piano concerto with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, the Scranton Times wrote: "His playing was crystal clear and his poetic insights remarkable."

Klavier Records has released his recording of Romero's *Spirals* for piano and orchestra, with the San Francisco Camerata and a CD of Schwartz performing French piano music will be released in early 2009. Mr. Schwartz has recently given recitals and master classes at the Young International Pianists Festival in Vienna, Austria the Chautauqua Institution, the Beijing Conservatory in Beijing, China and, last summer presented a lecture recital on Albéniz's *Iberia* at the Portland International Piano Festival in Portland, Oregon. Schwartz has appeared in the Bay Area with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, the San Francisco Camerata and the Orquesta de Cámara Municipal de Rosario, Argentina. Schwartz has taught at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Skyline College and Santa Clara University and is currently on the piano faculty at Mills College in Oakland, CA. He was featured on the California Arts Council Touring Roster for two seasons 2003-2005. Mr. Schwartz holds a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University, a Masters Degree from Juilliard, and a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the Manhattan School of Music.

About PACO

Founded in 1966 by William Whitson, who served as the orchestra's music director for 36 years, the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra is composed of the Bay Area's most talented and promising high school musicians chosen by competitive audition. As being one of the few youth orchestras in the nation devoted exclusively to chamber music, PACO performs adventurous repertoires, features first class soloists, tours internationally and accomplishes frequent recordings. Appointed music director in 2002, violist Benjamin Simon has brought with him a new level of energy and creativity in directing PACO programs, while continuing its tradition of excellence in performance. For more information call 650-856-3848 or visit <http://www.pacomusic.org>.

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