



*Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra*

*William Whitson* founder



*Benjamin Simon* music director

*Kris Yenney* director of SuperStrings and Preparatory Orchestras

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S 44<sup>th</sup> SEASON**  
**Benjamin Simon, Music Director**

**Concert venue: the new *Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Hall on the Taube Koret Campus for Jewish Life, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto***

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Season Program

**Saturday, October 24, 2009 – 8:00pm**

***All That Jazz***

*Jeremy Cohen, violin*

Founder and first violinist of Quartet San Francisco, classically trained Jeremy Cohen’s electrifying jazz performances have earned him nationwide accolades. PACO is proud to present the world premiere of

Jeremy's new jazz violin concerto, with Respighi's lovely Ancient Airs and Dances and the dark, powerful Chamber Symphony based on Shostakovich's famous String Quartet No. 8.

**Saturday, December 19, 2009 – 8:00pm**

***Viola Virtuosa***

*Sharon Wei, viola*

Shy middle sister of the string quartet, the viola rarely gets her chance to shine... Enter acclaimed violist Sharon Wei performing Bruch's gorgeous Romanze and Benjamin Britten's the haunting Lachrymae by Britten, based on an Elizabeth song by John Dowland. Corelli's popular Christmas Concerto begins our program; Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2 ("Little Russian") with the combined forces of PACO and Sinfonia will close it.

**Sunday, March 13, 2010 – 8:00pm**

***English Suite***

*Peter Lemberg, English horn*

PACO favorite Peter Lemberg returns with the oboe's larger cousin, an instrument that is neither English nor a horn. Mozart's beautiful Adagio is paired with Vincent Persichetti's masterful Concerto for English Horn (1977), surrounded by two authentically English works: Handel's Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 6 plus the delightful English Suite by Hubert Parry.

**Sunday, June 5, 2010 – 8:00pm**

***Made in the Americas***

*Chris Froh, marimba*

From the sunny shores of the Caribbean to the asphalt jungle of New York City, our musical journey travels through the Americas, south and north. Our program features virtuoso percussionist Chris Froh performing the sizzling marimba concerto by Brazilian composer Ney Rosauro, plus dances from Panama and Broadway. PACO will also be presenting the world premiere of our fifth annual Youth-for-Youth commission, a new work for string orchestra by Berkeley native Gabriel Smith.

**Special Event – Saturday, March 27, 2010 - 7:30pm and Sunday, March 28, 2010 – 4:00pm**

**Bach Celebration**

This year's celebration explores the influential music from Italian style-setters of Bach's day, music which infused all of Europe with its elegance, dances and flair. Works by Vivaldi, Scarlatti, Marcello, J.C. and J.S. Bach will feature guest artists from among PACO's many illustrious alumnae and friends. The two "Bach to Italy" performances will be conducted by PACO's Director of Superstrings and Preparatory Ensembles Kris Yenney. The Saturday performance will be at Carriage House Theater at Montalvo Arts Center, 15400

Montalvo Rd, Saratoga. The Sunday concert will be at Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

### **Special Event – June 19 - July 7, 2010**

#### ***PACO 2010 Tour***

This exciting trip begins with our annual visit to Dunsmuir and Ashland from June 19 to June 22 and continues onto Turkey with planned concerts with marimba soloist Chris Froh, including PACO participation in the Istanbul international Youth Orchestra Festival from June 24 to July 7.

#### 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 most talented Bay Area high school string players, chosen by competitive audition. PACO's adventurous repertoire features first class soloists, tours internationally and makes frequent recordings. Appointed music director in 2002, Benjamin Simon has brought a new level of energy and creativity to PACO, 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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## **Public Service Announcement**

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