



Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

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**PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OPENS 41ST SEASON
WITH PROGRAM OF BAROQUE, CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY**

October 21 Concert Features Cello Soloist Dana Putnam Fonteneau

DATE/TIME: Saturday, Oct. 21, 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University
TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 students
PROGRAM: Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 6, Arcangelo Corelli
Cello Concerto in B Flat Major, Luigi Boccherini
Water's Edge, Hilary Tann
String Symphony No. 7 in D Major, Felix Mendelssohn
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PALO ALTO, Calif., Sept. 11, 2006 – The Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra will open its forty-first season on Saturday, Oct. 21, with a concert program combining baroque, classical and contemporary music and featuring a solo performance by Dana Putnam Fonteneau, who has toured internationally as a concert cellist.

The program will include Corelli's Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 6, Boccherini's Cello Concerto in B Flat Major, Mendelssohn's String Symphony No. 7 in D Major, and "Water's Edge," by contemporary Welsh composer Hilary Tann.

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. **Stanford University's Department of Music is the sponsor for PACO's 2006-2007 season concerts.**

"PACO's new season opens with Corelli's Baroque classic, the Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 6," Simon said, "followed by the PACO debut of rising young cello star Dana Putnam Fonteneau as soloist on Boccherini's cheerful and ever popular Cello Concerto in B Flat Major. The second half of the program will feature Welsh composer Hilary Tann's hauntingly beautiful 'Water's Edge,' originally written 1993 for piano and later scored by the composer for string orchestra. Our finale will be one of Mendelssohn's youthful masterpieces, the vibrant and virtuosic String Symphony No. 7 in D Major, written when the composer was only 12 years old."

About the Soloist

Cellist Dana Putnam Fonteneau began her career as a founding member of the Round Top Festival String Quartet, which toured the United States and Europe, as well as performing on National Public Radio. She has spent summers performing at such renowned festivals as the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, the Tanglewood Music Center, and the Moab and Yellow Barn Festivals. Active as both a performer and teacher in the Bay Area, Ms. Fonteneau has played with the Santa Rose Symphony, New Century Chamber Orchestra, Emyrean Ensemble and San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, and is a founding member of the California Piano Quartet. She is on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

About PACO

Founded in 1966, the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra is composed of the Bay Area's most talented and promising high school musicians chosen by competitive audition. One of the few youth orchestras in the nation devoted exclusively to chamber music, PACO has participated in many international music festivals, has toured worldwide by special invitation, and has made 15 concert recordings. PACO was founded by William Whitson, who served as the orchestra's music director for 36 years, until his death in August 2001. For more information call 650-856-3848 or visit <http://www.pacomusic.org>.

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