



Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

William Whitson founder



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PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OPENS 40TH SEASON OCT. 29 AT STANFORD

Krista Bennion Feeney is Guest Soloist on Mozart Violin Concert No. 1

DATE: Saturday, October 29, 2005
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University
PROGRAM: String Symphony No. 10 in B Minor, Felix Mendelssohn
Violin Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Major, K. 207, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
"Fall" from The Four Seasons, Antonio Vivaldi
Chamber Symphony, Op. 110a, Dmitri Shostakovich
TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 students
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PALO ALTO, Calif., Oct. 4, 2005 – The Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra will begin its fortieth season Oct. 29 with the first of a series of themed concerts held in a new performance venue, Dinkelspiel Auditorium at Stanford University.

The program, titled "Darkness and Light," will feature noted violinist Krista Bennion Feeney as soloist on Mozart's Violin Concert No. 1 in B-flat Major and the "Fall" section of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. Feeney, a 1977 PACO alumna who at age 15 performed a solo with the San Francisco Symphony, today is music director and concertmaster of the New Century Chamber Orchestra.

Also on the program are Mendelssohn's String Symphony No. 10 in B Minor and Shostakovich's Chamber Symphony.

Palo Alto Mayor Jim Burch will be on hand to present PACO with a special proclamation commemorating its 40 years as the Bay Area's premier youth chamber orchestra.

This 2005-2006 concerts will take place at Stanford's Dinkelspiel Auditorium, to which PACO has relocated after performing for many years at Spangenberg Auditorium in Palo Alto. This season's concerts are sponsored by Stanford's School of Humanities and Science and School of Education.

"The 'Darkness and Light' program begins with outstanding works by two teenage geniuses, Mozart and Mendelssohn," said PACO Music Director Benjamin Simon, who will conduct the concert. "This is followed by a celebration of fall from Vivaldi's ever-popular 'Four Seasons,' and the concert concludes with

a harrowing journey into the dark heart of Soviet Russia by one of the twentieth century's most eloquent composers, Dmitri Shostakovich."

About the Soloist

A native of Menlo Park, Calif., Krista Bennion Feeney has won international acclaim for her performances as a chamber musician, concertmaster and soloist. She is music director and concertmaster of the New Century Chamber Orchestra, concertmaster of the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra at Lincoln Center, and co-concertmaster of the Orchestra of St. Luke's. She was also a founding member and first violinist of the Ridge String Quartet from 1979 to 1991, performing in many of the world's foremost concert halls.

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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