



Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

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**PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PLAYS 'EMPERORS AND KINGS' CONCERT DEC. 17**

***Rising Piano Star Tanya Gabrielian Returns to Bay Area as Guest Soloist***

DATE: Saturday, December 17  
TIME: 8:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University  
PROGRAM: Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 73 ("Emperor"), Ludwig van Beethoven  
West Side Story selections, Leonard Bernstein  
Symphony No. 8 in B Minor, D. 709 ("Unfinished"), Franz Schubert  
TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 students  
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PALO ALTO, Calif., Nov 7, 2005 – Award-winning pianist Tanya Gabrielian will highlight the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's December 17 concert as she returns to the Bay Area from London as guest soloist for Beethoven's towering Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major, or "Emperor" concerto.

The concert, one of a themed series titled "Emperors and Kings," will also include Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (the "Unfinished Symphony") and selections from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story.

This concert will take place at 8:00 p.m. at Stanford University's Dinkelspiel Auditorium.

"Our program begins with Beethoven's titanic masterpiece for piano and orchestra, the 'Emperor' concerto, featuring Tanya Gabrielian, a 2000 PACO alumna who is a rising star on the international piano circuit," said PACO Music Director Benjamin Simon, who will conduct the concert. "Next will be a string orchestra version of West Side Story, Leonard Bernstein's crowning masterpiece of the American musical theater. The concert will conclude with two movements of the beloved symphony that Schubert never finished, performed by a combined string section from PACO's top two ensemble orchestras."

About the Soloist

Tanya Gabrielian has won first prizes in the 2004 Scottish International Piano Competition, the 2003 Aram Khachaturyan International Piano Competition, and more than 20 other competitions in the U.S. Currently a Master's candidate on full scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music in London, she has

performed with many orchestras, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, the New London Sinfonia and St. Martins-in-the-Field. She has been featured on Public Radio International and on live radio broadcasts in Germany.

### 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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**Public Service Announcement**

**AWARD-WINNING PIANIST TANYA GABRIELIAN TO PERFORM  
WITH PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA DEC. 17**

PALO ALTO, Calif., Pianist Tanya Gabrielian, who has won first prizes in the 2004 Scottish International Piano Competition and the 2003 Aram Khachaturyan International Piano Competition, will be guest soloist on Beethoven's "Emperor Concerto" at the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's Dec. 17 concert. The 8:00 p.m. program, at Stanford University's Dinkelspiel Auditorium, will also include Franz Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" and selections from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story. The Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra is composed of the Bay Area's most talented and promising high school musicians chosen by competitive audition. For more information call 650-856-3848 or visit <http://www.pacomusic.org>.

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