



Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

William Whitson founder



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**PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'S 'SINFONIA' GROUP
PERFORMS SECOND SEASON CONCERT FEB. 18**

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 18
 TIME: 8:00 p.m.
 PLACE: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto
 PROGRAM: Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Johann Sebastian Bach
 Serenade for Strings, Dag Wirén
 Selections from String Quartets, Op. 18, Ludwig van Beethoven
 TICKETS: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 students
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PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 9, 2006 – Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's Sinfonia ensemble will perform its second concert of the season Saturday, Feb. 18, with a program featuring works by Bach, Beethoven and twentieth-century Swedish composer Dag Wirén.

Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 and Wirén's neo-classical work, Serenade for Strings, will be performed by the full Sinfonia orchestra. In addition, several string quartets composed of Sinfonia members will play selections from Beethoven's String Quartets, Op. 18.

Doris Fukawa, a violinist who frequently performs with the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Opera orchestra, will be guest conductor for the concert, which will take place at 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto.

About the Guest Conductor

Doris Fukawa has performed with San Francisco Symphony, the San Francisco Opera orchestra, the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra and the Opera de Lyon, and has been concertmaster of Midsummer Mozart and Opera San Jose. She has recorded with the San Francisco Contemporary Players on Newport Classic Ltd., and on the London and Sony labels. A committed music educator, Fukawa teaches at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where she is director of ensembles and chamber music, and founder of the Summer Music West program. She is also executive director at the Crowden Music Center and has been a guest conductor and clinician at venues throughout the Bay Area and elsewhere.

About PACO

Founded in 1966, the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra (PACO) is an organization comprising five training ensembles for Bay Area string players of high-school age and younger. The emphasis on chamber music uniquely sets PACO apart from other youth orchestras in the Bay Area and lies at the core of our educational program. Five ensembles of approximately 25 members each rehearse weekly and perform throughout the year, presenting an extraordinary level of music-making and commitment to their art. PACO was founded by William Whitson, who served as the orchestra's music director for 36 years, until his death in August 2001. Appointed in 2002, Benjamin Simon now serves as PACO's music director, continuing PACO's tradition of musical excellence.

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