



Bruno Ferrandis



Joyce Yang



Pete Escovedo and his Latin Jazz Orchestra will appear at Spreckels Performing Arts Center on October 7 at 8 PM. Traveling the world playing his timbales, congas and other percussion instruments and leading an orchestra of world class musicians, Escovedo has thrilled audiences for more than 25 years. Don't miss a night of brass and drums, guitars and vocals, and a driving beat that is set on high speed only. Tickets are \$26, or \$23 for seniors and young people. Call 707.588.3434 for tickets and information. Spreckels Performing Arts Center is located at 5409 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park.

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New Santa Rosa Symphony Music Director Conducts Season Opener

The Santa Rosa Symphony's new maestro, Bruno Ferrandis, will conduct the Symphony's 79th season opening concerts on October 14, 15, and 16 at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. The 46-year-old Ferrandis steps onto the podium for the first time as SRS music director with a program of irrepressible energy: Shostakovich's celebratory Festive Overture, the 4th Symphony of Tchaikovsky, and Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 2. Joining Ferrandis in her debut with SRS is 20-year-old pianist, Joyce Yang, silver medal winner in the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Ferrandis was born in Algiers, moved to Nice, France, when he was two, and was raised in France. The Symphony will be well-served by his twenty years of conduct-

ing experience, which began at Juilliard and has continued through appearances with some of the world's great opera companies and the finest orchestras of Europe and Asia. After the October concert set, Ferrandis will return to conduct in January and May of 2007. He will be in Santa Rosa permanently for the 2007-2008 season.

Joyce Yang attends The Juilliard School, where she received Presidential Honors and has won several concerto competitions. At the age of 19 and as the youngest entrant, she won the silver medal at the Cliburn competition. She has appeared with the National Symphony Orchestra; the Baltimore, Houston, Knoxville, Decatur and Albany symphonies; the Long Island Philharmonic and the Reno Philharmonic. The *San Antonio Express News* called her "a colorist with a seemingly end-

less palette."

Single tickets are \$27 to \$50, with senior discounts available. \$10 Student Rush tickets (to students showing school I.D.) can be purchased 30 minutes prior to curtain. Call 707.546.8742 for tickets or visit the Symphony Box Office on the first floor of the North Coast Bank building at 50 Santa Rosa Avenue in Santa Rosa, from 9 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday. Tickets are available online at santarosasympphony.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door 90 minutes before each performance on a space-available basis.

The popular Discovery Series of open rehearsals continues at 2 PM on October 14. Priced at \$10 for adults and \$6 for youth, they offer a sneak peek into the final rehearsal process before each concert set.

High School Marching Bands To Compete

Fifteen to eighteen of the finest high school marching bands in Northern and Central California will strut their stuff on October 7 at the 7th Annual Petaluma Invitational Band Review. Leaving Petaluma High School, 210 Fair Street, at about 9:30 AM, they'll march down D Street and turn left at 6th Street to pass the reviewing stand at 6th and C. Following the parade, there will be a barbeque lunch on the Petaluma High School quad at about 10:30 AM. Awards will be presented at the Durst Field football stadium at 1:30 PM.

The event is sponsored by the Petaluma High School Music Boosters. For details, call 769.9650 or visit petalumahighmusic.com.

Bluegrass Legend At Dance Palace

Bluegrass legend Mac Martin will be joined by the California Travelers for a special concert on October 13 at 8 PM at the Dance Palace. Since 1954, Martin has led a powerhouse traditional bluegrass band in the Pittsburg area, recording several albums and drawing a dedicated audience. His distinctive approach to the legacy of Bill Monroe and Flatt and Scruggs has made him a true bluegrass treasure. For this

concert, Martin will be joined by Kathy Kallick on bass, Keith Little on banjo, Butch Waller on mandolin, Paul Shelasky on fiddle, and Lisa Berman on dobro.

Tickets are \$5 for teens and kids, \$14 for seniors, and \$16 for all others. They're available in advance at dancepalace.org or at the door. The Dance Palace is at the corner of 5th and B Streets in Point Reyes Station. Call 415.663.1075 for details.

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