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Sacramento Philharmonic 2009-2010 Season

The season finale mixes classical music, the ever popular *American in Paris* by Gershwin, the music of African-American composer William Grant Still, and the local Paradise Church Baptist Gospel Choir. Rachel Barton Pine is part of the new generation of violin masters; she has performed with symphonies around the world including the Chicago Symphony. Community Center Theater (1301 L Street, Sacramento) Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:00pm.

Purchase tickets online at www.sacphil.org/tickets or call the Community Center Theater Box Office at 916-264-5181. The Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation (501-c-3). Federal I.D. # 91-1841406.

Ironstone 2010 Concert Preview

2010 concert tickets on sale April 23! Over the past five seasons, Ironstone Amphitheatre has been in the top 100 Amphitheatres worldwide. Ever since Stephen Kautz, President of Ironstone, brought on Larry Richter of Richter Entertainment Group to handle the booking, promoting and producing of the concerts at Ironstone, it has become a major Northern California venue that is attracting some of the biggest names on tour in North America, major, world-class performers.

Ironstone has five amazing shows confirmed, and more great shows in the works; they are expecting their greatest season yet! Season Opener! June 6, *Crosby, Stills & Nash*; June 20, Chicago & The Doobie Brothers; July 9, *Sugarland Michelle Branch, Will Hoge*; Aug 1, *Pat Benatar & REO Speedwagon*; August 20, *B.B King, Al Green and Buddy Guy*! Purchase your tickets at www.ticketmaster.com



Ironstone Vineyards Amphitheatre is the perfect venue for a fabulous evening under the stars. With a variety of seating selections, delicious hot food, cold drinks, and a bounty of fine wines available, your concert experience will be enjoyable. The estate is in the beautiful Sierra Foothills town of Murphys, CA and includes a seven-story winery complex, beautiful gardens, gourmet deli and tasting room, jewelry shop and a heritage museum. Photo by Tim Dunn

Habitat for Humanity Calaveras Kicks off House Repair Program

Habitat for Humanity Calaveras is now offering low-cost exterior home repairs to qualified, low-income homeowners. A Brush With Kindness (ABWK), the new home repair program, is designed to improve house exteriors. Habitat Calaveras volunteers will provide exterior painting, other minor exterior repairs and yard clean-up. The work of ABWK is provided by Habitat Calaveras volunteers using donated materials when possible. The homeowners are encouraged to participate with the repair work.

To qualify, applicants must own their home, meet income eligibility, and reimburse Habitat Calaveras for the cost of purchased materials, or pay off a loan for same. Payments made by partner families are placed in a revolving fund to help ABWK assist others in need. Helping people repair and maintain their homes fits in with Habitat's core mission of building decent, affordable housing for low-income families while improving neighborhoods and property values. To apply for exterior home improvement, contact Christine Sellman, Chair, A Brush With Kindness, 736-1296, or Frank Meyer, Administrative Manager, Habitat for Humanity Calaveras at 209-754-5331.

For our faithful **Live Your Love** supporters, our exciting news is that we are now in the process of branding our own line of *Live Your Love*, fair trade, black tea in biodegradable packaging! A large profit from the tea will go

directly to Smile Lanka, our working program with the poor in the southern part of Sri Lanka. For your amazing support, we want YOU to choose our first packaging design! Vote at www.liveyourlove.com/vote *Jeremy and Jasmine*

The Amador Farmers Market in 2010

The Amador Farmers Markets starts its seventeenth season next month in Jackson. The schedules have been established for the upcoming season, which are: Jackson Market at the Busi Municipal parking lot (at Mel and Faye's Diner), Sundays, 9 am to 1 pm, starting on May 16th; Sutter Creek at the Eureka Street parking lot, Saturdays, 8 am to 11 am, starting on June 5th; Pine Grove at the Community Park, Wednesdays, 3 pm to 6 pm, starting on June 16th.

Markets feature live music and special events as well as an abundance of local produce and products. Local support includes a grant from the Amador Community Foundation as well as the Plymouth Rotary and the Amador County Board of Supervisors. For more info, contact the manager at 209-419-2503; www.amadorfarmersmarket.com.

2010 California State Fair!

The California State Fair announces its 2010 theme is "Your Passport to Adventure!" The State Fair will feature some all-new attractions, a summer concert series and new exhibits that celebrate travel, adventure and more. Fairgoers can look forward to the following NEW attractions, among others: 'Days of the Dinosaur' Adventure; Jungle & Reptile Experience, interactive animal exhibit; 'Get Animated' Pop Culture Exhibit.

In addition to these new attractions, the State Fair will focus its traditional exhibits and competitions on recreation, sports and tourism that make California an adventure capitol of the world. For the first time in more than 100 years, the California State Fair has moved off its traditional Labor Day schedule to a July 2010 event.

An adventure will be waiting inside Cal Expo from Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 1, a 19-day summer

schedule that will no longer conflict with the busy back-to-school season. State Fair admission and concert tickets will go on sale April 15, 2010.

Facebook fans and State Fair eNewsletter subscribers will have special access to concert presale information, contests and other ticket giveaways. Go to: www.facebook.com/CaliforniaStateFair and also www.bigfun.org. The 2010 California State Fair will surely be your 'passport to adventure' once again this year.

The U.S. Department of Labor, an \$8,197,664 Regional Economic Impact National Emergency Grant will assist dislocated workers in California's San Joaquin Valley. This region is comprised of Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne counties. Funding will help workers receive the training they need to find good jobs in promising industries. For more information, visit www.doleta.gov/NEG.

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