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## Pacific Chamber Orchestra's 'Mozart - The Grandeur' in Lafayette Sept. 15

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Members of the Pacific Chamber Orchestra, touring soloists and chamber musicians who also appear in such prestigious groups as the San Francisco Symphony, Opera and Ballet Orchestras, touring Broadway shows, and feature films recorded at Skywalker Ranch, will perform "Mozart - The Grandeur" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian, Church 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at in the Bankhead Theatre, 2100 First Street, Livermore.

Mozart's Symphony No. 41 Jupiter takes you to the home of the gods as it simultaneously pours forth beautiful music entwined with the complexities of human emotions. The slow movement pulls you into some of the most achingly sensual music Mozart ever wrote, while in the final movement you wondrously marvel at the towering edifice constructed note by note as Mozart gathers together building one on top of the other the

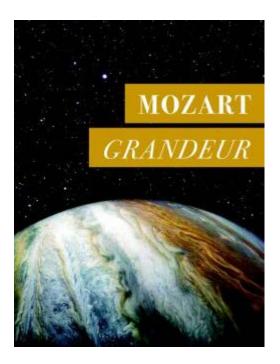
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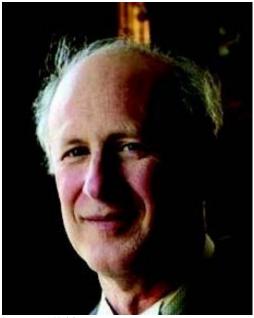
melodies from all parts of the symphony. Jove himself seems to have conferred a sense of majestic serenity on the symphony. Likewise, the Haffner Serenade, commissioned to celebrate a dear friend's wedding, bespeaks all the emotions of such an occasion - affection, gaiety, dancing, and youthful generosity of spirit.

The Haffner Serenade, which Mozart proclaimed should "start with fire" and "end just as fast as one can go," consists of eight movements, of which three form a miniature violin concerto. First Violinist, Igor Veligan, will perform the delightful solos. Veligan is an artist faculty member of the Orfeo International Music Festival (Italy), on the faculty at the University of Pacific, and in 2013 released an acclaimed CD, "Voices of Eastern Europe" with the wonderful pianist, Natsuki Fukasawa. Mingle with other music lovers and let the music transport you.

Tickets may be purchased through the PCO website: PacificChamberOrchestra.org or for Livermore at the Bankhead Box office by phone at (925) 373-6800, or online at BankheadTheater.org.

For information and videos about PCO, go to PacificChamberOrchestra.org.





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