

THE SANTA BARBARA SYMPHONY PERFORMS MAHLER MEETS KLEZMER: TITANS OF SOUND AT GRANADA THEATRE ON APRIL 20 AND APRIL 21

Grammy® and Juno Nominated Clarinet Soloist, Band leader, and Composer David Krakauer, Considered one of the Greatest Clarinetists on the Planet, is Featured

SANTA BARBARA, CA, USA, March 21, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>The Santa Barbara Symphony</u> draws inspiration from many musical genres. Klezmer,



traditional Jewish and Eastern European music, played by world-renowned clarinetist, David Krakauer, will be showcased in the concerts on Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. at the Granada Theatre.



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Nir Kabaretti, Santa Barbara Symphony Music and Artistic Director Mahler Meets Klezmer: Titans of Sound takes audiences on a musical journey that starts with Mozart's Overture to Abduction from the Seraglio, K.384, then David Krakauer's stunning performance of Wlad Marhulets' Concerto for Klezmer Clarinet and closes with Mahler's emotional masterpiece Symphony No. 1 in D major, "Titan."

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"In his first Symphony, Mahler inserted for the first time in

the history of symphonic music a brief moment of Jewish Klezmer music, which inspired me to treat the community to more of this musical style and to program a concerto for klezmer

clarinet," added Kabaretti.

Klezmer music has its origins in Europe among the Ashkenazi Jews. The word is a Yiddish contraction of the Hebrew words for instrument (kley) and song (zemer). This traditional folk music borrows inspiration from music from the synagogue, European folk music, and classical music. Wlad Marhulets' Concerto for Klezmer Clarinet, combines traditional Klezmer with classical instrumentation to create an emotional and captivating sound.

Repertoire

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart | Overture to Abduction from the Seraglio, K.384 Wlad Marhulets | Concerto for Klezmer Clarinet Gustav Mahler | Symphony No. 1 in D major, "Titan"

The Artists

Nir Kabaretti, Conductor - Internationally acclaimed conductor Nir Kabaretti's artistic reach continues to expand worldwide, thrilling audiences with his dynamic conducting style and vast knowledge of all facets of musical performing arts. Nir Kabaretti has worked with some of the world's most sought-after musicians. Some of his most well-known collaborators include Lang Lang, Placido Domingo, Joyce Di Donato, Angel Joy Blue, Vadim Repin, Gilles Apap, Hélène Grimaud, and André Watts.

David Krakauer, Clarinet - Widely considered one of the greatest clarinetists on the planet, Grammy®- and Juno-nominated soloist, band leader, and composer David Krakauer has been praised internationally as a key innovator in modern klezmer as well as a major voice in classical music. Major appearances as a soloist include the Amsterdam Sinfonietta, Orchestre de Lyon, Dresdner Philharmonie; Baltimore, Detroit, and Seattle Symphonies, and the Kronos, Emerson, Tokyo, and Miro String Quartets. Krakauer's latest project, "Breath and Hammer" with renowned South African pianist Kathleen Tagg, re-contextualizes Krakauer's sound by adding electronics and extended techniques to the clarinet and piano acoustic duo.

Tickets for this event and the final performance of The Symphony's 2023/2024 Season, Rhapsody in Blue @ 100: Jazz Comes to The Symphony on May 18 & 19, 2024, are on sale now and can be purchased in-person, online, or by calling the Granada Theatre box office at (805) 899-2222 or visiting TheSymphony.org.

About The Santa Barbara Symphony

Now in its 71st year, The Santa Barbara Symphony delivers artistic excellence, outstanding music education stewardship and programming, and community collaboration – all through symphonic music. Under the artistic leadership of Maestro Nir Kabaretti as Music & Artistic Director since 2006, The Symphony is one of the region's premier cultural institutions. Through his charismatic

leadership, this globally admired conductor and Santa Barbara resident invigorates audiences and musicians alike through his passion, creativity, and vast experience. With steadfast dedication to their mission and deep ties to the community, Board Chair Janet Garufis and President & CEO Kathryn R Martin joined Nir Kabaretti in making a five-year commitment to serve in their roles. As the only music education program tied to a professional symphony orchestra in the region, The Symphony serves thousands of students annually throughout Santa Barbara County. For more information, visit TheSymphony.org.

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