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**MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION'S FREE FAMILY CONCERTS AT THE SAN MATEO PUBLIC LIBRARY RETURN FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.**  
**Series opens Saturday, March 13 at 3 PM with the John Santos Quartet**

**FREE FAMILY CONCERT SERIES:**

**Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 3pm: John Santos Quartet**

**Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 3pm: Rising Stars of California**

**Post-Concert Reception:** Meet the artists at complimentary post-concert reception.

**Adopt-an-Instrument:** Bring your used instruments to donate to children in public schools.

**TICKETS:**

Admission to the Family Concert Series is **Free**. No tickets are required. **Seating** is by **general admission** on a first-come, first-served basis. It is recommended that patrons arrive early for best seating.

**LOCATION:**

**Oak Room, San Mateo Public Library, 55 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, San Mateo, CA**

**Directions:** (650) 522-7802 / [www.sanmateopubliclibrary.org](http://www.sanmateopubliclibrary.org)

**Parking** is convenient and complimentary. The San Mateo Public Library is wheelchair accessible.

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Burlingame, CA, February 16, 2010 – **Music at Kohl Mansion** and the **San Mateo Public Library** have announced that they will collaborate to present a diverse group of chamber, jazz and world artists in a series of **Concerts for Families** and audiences of all ages at the **San Mateo Public Library's Oak Room** this spring, for the second consecutive year. Admission is free to these lively, interactive concerts aimed at youth of all ages, families and adult audiences. Each one-hour concert, performed without intermission, offers audience members an opportunity to hear and interact with distinguished, award-winning musical ensembles in an informal, family-friendly setting. Each concert is followed by a complimentary reception with the performers.

Five-time Grammy nominee and USA Fontanals Fellow, **John Santos**, and his stellar **Quartet** will open the **Family Concert Series** on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 3 pm. The **John Santos Quartet** presents a wide range of styles and rhythms for audiences of all ages and sheds light on the historical and cultural significance of Latin Jazz, as well as its aesthetic characteristics pertaining to instrumentation, rhythm, interpretation and improvisation.

The **Rising Stars of California** will perform on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 3pm. Under the direction of acclaimed Steinway Pianist **Lara Downes**, the Rising Stars of California program introduces community audiences to some of the state's most accomplished young pianists, instrumentalists and vocalists ages 8-18, all winners of prestigious national and international youth music competitions. Performing alongside Ms. Downes on May 1<sup>st</sup> will be 13-year-old cellist, **Clark Pang** and 10-year-old pianist, **Alex Chien**. These remarkable young virtuosi have garnered local and national attention, and have been featured on National Public Radio's popular "From the Top" program.

This is the fourth year of collaboration between Music at Kohl Mansion and the San Mateo Public Library which have jointly presented admission-free Musical Conversations with artists since February 2007. Series sponsors are **Lifemark, San Mateo Public Library Foundation, The San Francisco Foundation, and the Mervyn L. Brenner Foundation.**

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**Adopt an Instrument:** Music at Kohl Mansion is collaborating with the Bay Area's **Music in Schools Today** (MuST) to collect musical instruments for public school children. Patrons are invited to support tomorrow's artists today by donating musical instruments they no longer use. Donations are accepted at all Music at Kohl Chamber and Family Concerts. The instrument's value is tax-deductible. Information at [www.mustcreate.org](http://www.mustcreate.org).

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**About Music at Kohl Mansion:** Located just 15 miles south of San Francisco, Music at Kohl's Chamber Music Series has been a favorite of music lovers from as far away as San Jose, Marin County and East Bay communities for over a quarter-century. Housed in a beautiful 1912 Tudor-style estate in Burlingame, Music at Kohl has earned a solid reputation among musicians as a favorite place to perform, both for its splendid acoustics and warm, enthusiastic audiences. Since 1993, Music at Kohl has reached out to provide quality music education programs in local schools. Family and Children's Concerts have also become an essential part of Music at Kohl, integrating a consistently outstanding series of artists and repertoire for audiences of all ages. Programs are made possible by generous contributions from individuals, business and foundations.

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**About the San Mateo Public Library:** Located in the center of downtown San Mateo, the newly built San Mateo Public Library opened to the public on August 27, 2006. Aesthetically stunning and spacious, this award-winning Green Library is a landmark three-story building with two levels of underground parking. A state-of-the-art resource center for literacy and lifelong learning, the Library features 100 public Internet computers, expanded areas for children and teens, and a sustainable, energy efficient design.

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**Information:** [www.musicatkohl.org](http://www.musicatkohl.org) or 650.762.1130. **High resolution photos:** [www.musicatkohl.org/press](http://www.musicatkohl.org/press).

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