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**THE ALEXANDER STRING QUARTET CLOSES MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION'S 28<sup>th</sup> SEASON**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011 at 7 PM with HAYDN, DVORAK AND SHOSTAKOVICH**

**DATE:** Sunday, May 1, 2011 – 7 pm

**WHO:** ALEXANDER STRING QUARTET

**Zakarias Grafilo**, violin

**Frederick Lifszitz**, violin

**Paul Yarbrough**, viola

**Sandy Wilson**, cello

**PROGRAM:**

**Haydn**, String Quartet in C Major, Op. 54/2

**Shostakovich**, *String Quartet No. 13 in b-flat minor*

**Dvořák**, String Quartet No. 13 in G major, Op. 106

**Pre-Concert Talk** at 6 PM with Kai Christiansen

**Post-Concert Reception:** Complimentary wine and refreshments with the musicians.

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

**TICKETS:**

\$45 Adult; \$42 Senior; \$15 Gen Y&Z (30 and under)

**Seating** is by **general admission**. The Box Office opens at 5:45 PM

(Call 650.762.1130 for information on member benefits)

**PURCHASE TICKETS:**

**Mail:** Music at Kohl Mansion, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010

**Phone:** 650.762.1130 / Fax: 650.343.8464

**Online:** [www.musicatkohl.org/tickets](http://www.musicatkohl.org/tickets)

**LOCATION:**

**Great Hall, Kohl Mansion**, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA

**Directions:** 650.762.1130 / [www.musicatkohl.org/guide](http://www.musicatkohl.org/guide)

**Parking** is convenient and complimentary. Music at Kohl Mansion is wheelchair accessible

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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).

*All programs, artists and repertoire are subject to change.* Music at Kohl Mansion – 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010

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Burlingame, CA, April 3, 2011 – **Music at Kohl Mansion** welcomes favorite sons the **ALEXANDER STRING QUARTET** to close its 28<sup>th</sup> Chamber Season on Sunday, May 1 at 7 pm with a program of quartets by **Haydn, Dvořák** and **Shostakovich** – great chamber works separated by nearly 200 years and straddling three centuries of European music history. The Alexander String Quartet has performed in the major music capitals of five continents, securing its standing among the world’s premier ensembles over nearly three decades. Widely admired for its interpretations of Beethoven, Mozart, and Shostakovich, the Quartet has also established itself as an important advocate of new music through over 25 commissions and numerous premiere performances. A major artistic presence in its home base of San Francisco, the Quartet serves as directors of the Morrison Chamber Music Center at San Francisco State University and Ensemble in Residence of San Francisco Performances. Under the auspices of Music at Kohl Mansion, the Alexander members also provide live performances, lectures, workshops, master classes, seminars and hands-on coaching for music students in San Mateo County public schools each spring, as the centerpiece of the *Kohl for Kids* music-in-schools program.

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**Adopt an Instrument:** For the fourth year, Music at Kohl Mansion partners with nonprofit **Music in Schools Today** (MUST) to place donated instruments in the hands of public school children. Patrons are invited to help tomorrow’s artists today by donating musical instruments they no longer use. Instruments will be collected at all concerts this season. The value of donated instruments is tax-deductible. Learn more at [www.musicatkohl.org](http://www.musicatkohl.org) or [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 nearly three decades. 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 integral part of Music at Kohl, integrating a consistently outstanding series of artists and repertoire for audiences of all ages. Programs are made possible by contributions from individuals, business and foundations. Major funders include the Joseph R. McMicking, Mervyn L. Brenner, Y & H Soda, and San Francisco Foundations, and Target. In-kind support is provided by the San Mateo Daily Journal. The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport is the Official Hotel.

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