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**MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION'S 27<sup>th</sup> SEASON CONTINUES:**  
**THE IVES QUARTET WITH GUEST CLARINETIST, JEROME SIMAS**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**

**PROGRAM:**

**Mozart**, String Quartet in B-flat Major, K.458, "The Hunt"

**Dan Becker**, Time Rising

**Brahms**, Clarinet Quintet in b minor, Op. 115

**Pre-Concert Talk** at 6 PM with Kai Christiansen – Meet composer Dan Becker

**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:**

\$42 Adult; \$39 Senior; \$15 Gen Y&Z (30 and under – *New this season*)

**Seating** is by **general admission**. The Box Office opens one hour prior to concert.

(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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Burlingame, CA, February 8, 2010 – **Music at Kohl Mansion** continues its 27<sup>th</sup> annual series of chamber concerts at the historic Kohl Mansion on **Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 7pm** with the return of the **Ives Quartet**, featuring noted Bay Area clarinetist **Jerome Simas** as guest artist. Established in 1983 as the Stanford String Quartet, the Palo Alto-based Ives Quartet was artist-in-residence at Stanford University from 1983-1998 and has long held a reputation for passion, precision, and provocative programming. Inspired by the artistic commitment and unique temperament of American composer Charles Ives (1874–1954), the Quartet has attracted critical enthusiasm for championing an eclectic repertoire that combines established masterworks with underappreciated gems, neglected early-twentieth-century scores and commissioned new pieces.

On the program is Bay Area composer Dan Becker's *Time Rising*, commissioned by the Ives Quartet and premiered in Spring 2009. A recent review in the *San Francisco Classical Voice* described the Ives' Quartet performance of *Time Rising* as "...full of fascinating rhythms and colors... Subsequent movements feature Becker's signature, minimalist influenced, phased-rhythm arguments that are both groovy and unsettling at the same time. The Ives Quartet made it seem easy, even though the slightly off-kilter patterns are, in fact, extremely difficult to coordinate." Surrounding Mr. Becker's offering, the Ives will perform two works by towering giants of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries: Mozart's String Quartet in B-flat Major, K.458, "The Hunt", and Brahms's Clarinet Quintet in b minor, Op. 115, with distinguished Clarinetist Jerome Simas. Mr. Simas has held Principal and Acting Principal positions with the San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Opera, Oakland East Bay Symphony, California Symphony and the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble.

Musicologist **Kai Christiansen** will offer a free pre-concert talk at 6 PM in the Kohl Mansion Library.

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**Adopt an Instrument:** For the third consecutive season, Music at Kohl Mansion will partner with Bay Area nonprofit **Music in Schools Today** (MuST) to place donated instruments in the hands of public school children. Members of the audience are invited to help tomorrow's artists today, by donating or pledging musical instruments they no longer use. Instruments will be collected at all Chamber, Family and Children's 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 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 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 generous contributions from individuals, business and foundations. Major funding is provided by the Joseph R. McMicking, Mervyn L. Brenner, Y & H Soda, Charles Schwab and San Francisco Foundations. Major in-kind support is provided by the San Mateo Daily Journal. The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport is the Official Hotel of Music at Kohl Mansion.

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*All programs, artists and repertoire are subject to change.*

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