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Musicians from the San Francisco Symphony celebrate the holidays with pianist Robin Sutherland, guest violist Geraldine Walther - Sunday, December 14, 7 pm
Gala Benefit Concert & Reception for Music at Kohl Mansion

PERFORMERS:

San Francisco Symphony Musicians with guest artist **Geraldine Walther**, viola
Amy Hiraga, Sarn Oliver, violins; **Nancy Ellis**, viola; **Peter Wyrick**, cello;
Robin Sutherland, piano

PROGRAM:

Mozart, String Quintet No. 3 in C Major, K. 515
Frank Bridge, Two Pieces for Viola and Piano
Brahms, Piano Quintet in f minor, Op. 34

Pre-Concert Talk at 6 PM with Kai Christiansen

Post-Concert Reception: Celebrate the Holidays with the musicians at a festive champagne reception in the beautifully decorated Kohl Mansion.

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

TICKETS:

All tickets \$85 (\$65 for Chamber Series Subscribers)

This is a special **non-subscription** benefit concert.

Seating is by **general admission**. It is recommended that patrons arrive early for best seating.
(Call 650.762.1130 for information on priority reserved seating and other 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. Full Season Subscription still available.

LOCATION:

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

Directions: 650.762.1130 / www.musicatkohl.org/guide

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

Burlingame, CA, November 18, 2008 – On Sunday, December 14th at 7 PM, **Musicians from the San Francisco Symphony** will perform a special Holiday Benefit Concert for **Music at Kohl Mansion**.

Renowned San Francisco Symphony pianist **Robin Sutherland** and former San Francisco Symphony

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principal violist **Geraldine Walther** join forces with San Francisco Symphony musicians **Amy Hiraga** and **Sarn Oliver** (violins), **Nancy Ellis** (viola), and **Peter Wyrick** (cello) to celebrate the holidays with an outstanding program of music by Mozart, Bridge, and Brahms. This special non-subscription concert will take place in the Kohl Mansion's festively decorated Great Hall. The event is a benefit for Music at Kohl's Artistic Development Fund, launched in 2005 by Garrick Ohlsson for the purpose of supporting outstanding pianists performing at the Kohl Mansion. The musicians will join audience members for an elegant champagne gala and a post-concert reception.

Until her appointment as violist with the world-renowned Takács Quartet in 2005, **Geraldine Walther** was the principal violist of the San Francisco Symphony for nearly two decades. Pianist **Robin Sutherland**, a frequent soloist and chamber music performer, was named principal pianist of the San Francisco Symphony while still an undergraduate student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

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

Adopt an Instrument: For the third consecutive season, Music at Kohl Mansion is collaborating with Bay Area nonprofit **Music in Schools Today** (MuST) to collect musical instruments for public school children. Audience members are invited to support tomorrow's artists today by donating or pledging musical instruments they no longer use. A collection booth will be set up at all Chamber and Family Concerts this season. The instrument's value is tax-deductible. More information at www.mustcreate.org.

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. 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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