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New Concertmaster, Allion Salvador, Brings talent and passion to The Sammamish Symphony Orchestra's February Concerts

Press Release – January 17, 2017 - Mr. Salvador's playing has been described as "fiery and seething with passionate fervor." Since graduating with degrees in Neurobiology and Violin Performance from the University of Washington, demand for him as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician has steadily grown. Since October 2016 Allion Salvador has held the position of Concertmaster with Sammamish Symphony Orchestra (SSO). Reflecting on his experience with SSO Salvador says: "Each Thursday night rehearsal is a treasure. I have the great, wonderful pleasure of making music with a cohort of caring, dedicated, kind musicians, every single one sacrificing a great deal of time and energy in the pursuit of loving, deeply meaningful performances." In the upcoming February SSO concerts Mr. Salvador's talent will shine in a delectable suite for strings (Holst). Asked about the upcoming February concerts Allion says; "It's really quite a fun program. There's a good chance you won't have heard several of the pieces before! The whole concert is conceived as a kind of "deconstructed orchestra. There's a charming fanfare for just the brass (Dukas), a lilting wind serenade (Gounod), the lovely Brook Green Suite for strings (Holst), and even a percussion concerto!" The orchestra is "reassembled" after intermission for Antonin Dvořák's festive and enchanting *Symphony No. 6*.

About Allion Salvador

<http://www.sammamishsymphony.org/Musicians/Musician.php?ID=222>

Featured guest **Matthew Kocmierski** is virtuoso marimba soloist in **Alan Hovhaness'** haunting *Fantasy on Japanese Woodprints*.

About Matthew Kocmierski

<http://marrowstone.org/artist-faculty/matthew-kocmierski/>

GLOWING AND RADIANT

Two Performances

Friday, February 24th at 7:30 pm

Meydenbauer Theatre

Sunday, February 26th at 2:00 pm

Eastlake Performing Arts Center

About Adam Stern

Adam Stern has been leading the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra as Music Director and Conductor since 2015. Stern's unique programming combines beloved masterworks with must-hear rarities; his programs are not merely concerts, but true musical events. In September 2015 came word of two new appointments for Stern: Music Director of the Sammamish Symphony, and Assistant Conductor/Visiting "Pops" Conductor of the Oregon Coast Music Festival for the summer of 2016. Following Stern's OCMF debut, he was immediately promoted to Associate Conductor and permanent "Pops" conductor of the Festival. Stern has also served as Conductor for Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra since 2003. During his tenure he has brought numerous world, U.S., West Coast and Northwest premieres to the Puget Sound community.

About the Sammamish Symphony

Celebrating 25 years this season, The Sammamish Symphony Orchestra performs on the Sammamish Plateau, in downtown Bellevue and various locations in the Seattle area. The Sammamish Symphony is committed to offering quality music at affordable prices for Eastside residents. The Sammamish Symphony Orchestra also performs two Summer Pops concerts free of charge. The volunteer ensemble provides opportunity for talented, dedicated musicians to perform with a full symphony orchestra. In addition, the Orchestra promotes involvement in the arts for young musicians who are given the chance to participate in classical and pops concerts and sponsors an annual Youth Concerto competition.

For tickets and more information please visit the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra: <http://www.sammamishsymphony.org>