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**MUSICIANS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY TO PERFORM**  
**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION DECEMBER 17**  
**Violist Geraldine Walther Returns to Join Former SFS Colleagues as Special Guest**  
**Gala Concert in Historic Kohl Mansion Dressed for the Holiday Season**

**PROGRAM:**

**Beethoven, String Trio in C minor, Op. 9, No. 3**

**Schumann, Märchenerzählungen (*Fairy Tales*), Op. 132, for viola, clarinet, piano**

**Schubert, Piano Quintet in A Major, "Trout"**

**Post-Concert Reception:** Meet the artists at complimentary Champagne Reception.

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

**TICKETS:** \$65 Single Tickets – (\$50 for Season Subscribers).

**Seating** is by **general admission**. It is recommended that patrons arrive early for best seating.  
(Donors of \$500+ receive priority reserved seating. Call (650) 762-1130 for details.)

**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 94010.

**FREE PARKING.** Call 650-762-1130 for directions.

Music at Kohl Mansion is wheelchair accessible.

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*Burlingame, CA, November 20, 2006* – On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, **Music at Kohl Mansion** will present a special non-subscription Benefit Concert featuring members of the **San Francisco Symphony** with pianist **Robin Sutherland** and former SFS violist **Geraldine Walther**. San Francisco Symphony musicians **Amy Hiraga**, violin, **Peter Wyrick**, cello, **Scott Pingel**, bass and **Luis Baez**, clarinet offer a program of 19<sup>th</sup> Century works selected to celebrate both the holiday spirit and the return of Sutherland and Walther, two of Music at Kohl Mansion's most beloved artists. A festive Champagne reception with all six performers is open to the public immediately following the concert.

Until her appointment as violist of the world-renowned Takács String Quartet just two years ago, **Geraldine Walther** had been Principal Violist of the San Francisco Symphony. **Robin Sutherland**, a frequent soloist and chamber music performer, was named Principal Pianist of the San Francisco Symphony by Seiji Ozawa while still an undergraduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

All proceeds from this concert support Music at Kohl Mansion's Artistic Development Fund, making possible the artistic excellence that Music at Kohl audiences have come to expect. Earnings from ticket sales cover less than half the cost of performances and music-in-schools programs offered by Music at Kohl. Donations from individuals, local businesses and foundations as well as revenue from events such as this are essential to the continuation of these highly valued programs.

**Adopt an Instrument:** This 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. All donations are 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 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.

**Further information:** [www.musicatkohl.org](http://www.musicatkohl.org) or by phone at (650) 762-1130.

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*Programs, artists and repertoire are subject to change.*