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If you wish to make a donation to help us in our mission, you can send contributions to:

**Prometheus Symphony Orchestra**  
P.O. Box 3335  
Oakland, CA 94609-3335  
[www.prometheussymphony.org](http://www.prometheussymphony.org)

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*44th Season 2009-2010*



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All Performances at:  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
116 Montecito Avenue  
Oakland  
(Next to Lake Merritt)

*Celebrating 44 Years of  
Community Music Making*

## Welcome to the 2009-2010 Season

### Our Mission

Founded in 1965, the Prometheus Symphony Orchestra is an all-volunteer ensemble dedicated to making classical music available to everyone in Oakland and throughout the Bay Area. We perform a five-concert season at the historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland. Concert admission is free (donations are welcome). Music lovers of all ages are welcome; families are encouraged to attend and introduce their children to live orchestral music in a beautiful setting.

### Focus on Inspiring Young Artists

Each year the orchestra holds the Felix Khuner Concerto Competition for young musicians. The winner performs a solo concerto with the orchestra during the concert season. Application can be made online at [www.prometheussymphony.org](http://www.prometheussymphony.org). Please see the website for updates and deadlines.

### Save the Dates

Be sure to mark your calendars soon with the dates of all five of our season concerts. You won't want to miss our opening performance of Engelbert Humperdinck's Suite from the opera "Hänsel und Gretel". Our November concert features the "Pastoral" symphony by Beethoven. January will bring the dramatic Variations on a Theme by Hindemith by William Walton and the romantic Suite Hébraïque by Ernest Bloch with guest artist Karen Elaine. In March, the Orchestra performs Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra and the season wraps up with the "Spring" Symphony by Schumann and the winner of our Felix Khuner Concerto Competition. We look forward to seeing you at these five concerts, which are always free although donations are gratefully accepted.

### We Depend on Your Support!

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## Prometheus Symphony Orchestra 2009-2010 Concert Schedule

### Sunday October 11, 2009 - 3 PM

Engelbert Humperdinck • Suite from Hänsel and Gretel  
Jan Václav Voříšek • Symphony in D Major  
Gabriel Faure • Pavane

### Sunday November 22, 2009 - 3 PM

Ludwig van Beethoven • Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral"  
Jan Sibelius • Romance in C Major

### Sunday January 24, 2010 - 3 PM

William Walton • Variations on a Theme by Hindemith  
Pietro Mascagni • Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana  
Ernest Bloch • Suite Hébraïque for Viola & Orchestra  
Karen Elaine, viola

### Sunday March 21, 2010 - 3 PM

Béla Barók • Concerto for Orchestra  
Richard Strauss • Horn Concerto No. 1  
Adrienne Chambers, french horn

### Sunday May 23, 2010 - 3 PM

Robert Schumann • Symphony No. 1 "Spring"  
Samuel Barber • Overture to "The School for Scandal"  
Winner • Felix Khuner Concerto Competition



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## Prometheus Symphony Orchestra Music Director, Eric Hansen



The 2009-2010 Season is the twelfth season for our conductor, Eric Hansen. Mr. Hansen brings a special spirit and energy to Prometheus concerts with his engaging pre-performance talks. His repertoire choices both challenge and inspire the orchestra, while stimulating audiences with their intellectual rigor and emotional impact.

In addition to conducting the Prometheus Symphony, Mr. Hansen has also conducted numerous ensembles including the Berkeley Symphony, the California Symphony, the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Composers, Inc., and the Michigan Opera Theatre. He has recorded with the Skywalker Symphony and has been the conductor for Grammy Award-winning jazz singer, Ms. Diane Schuur. He has received many accolades including the coveted "City of Vienna Prize." This season he will guest conduct the California Symphony in addition to conducting music festivals in Dallas, Memphis, San Diego and New York. Mr. Hansen is also a music lecturer at California State University, East Bay.