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OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY 2ND ANNUAL BACH & BREW: BEER, FOOD AND MUSIC EVENT JUNE 13 AT DRAKE'S BREWERY IN SAN LEANDRO

Oakland, CA, May 20, 2015 – Beer, food and music will be on tap for the Oakland East Bay Symphony second annual Bach & Brew event scheduled this year for Saturday, June 13, from 4 to 7 pm at Drake's Brewery, 1933 Davies Street, San Leandro, 94577. As part of the special offerings for the evening, Drake's will brew a limited-edition "Symphony Beer," having selected a recipe from one of Oakland East Bay Symphony's many musicians who are avid home brewers to be sold at this event. Other Drake's beers and food will be available for purchase, and members of the Oakland East Bay Symphony, conducted by Michael Morgan, will perform throughout the event including, of course, music by Bach and others. Last season, 400 Symphony and epicurean enthusiasts attended the inaugural Oakland East Bay Symphony Bach & Brew event, making it a sold-out success.

A \$50 pre-sold Symphony Six-pack package for the June 13 event includes three beer tokens, a souvenir pint glass with the Drake's and Oakland East Bay Symphony logos and a Drake's t-shirt and donation (\$20 of ticket cost is tax-deductible). The event is free and open to the public and donations to the Symphony are encouraged. All proceeds will benefit the Oakland East Bay Symphony's acclaimed Young Peoples' Concerts that each fall introduce thousands of school students to music. Tickets may be ordered in advance at www.oeps.org/bachandbrew purchasers must be age 21 and older. For more information, visit www.oeps.org/bachandbrew.

Bach & Brew is part of the Oakland East Bay Symphony's programming that brings music off the stage and into the community, melding it with communities and venues to enrich the social and cultural life of Oakland and the East Bay. Symphony Executive Director Steven Payne says, "It's wonderful to see nearly 3,000 people at our regular Paramount Theatre concerts, but as we continue to do more unusual events out in the community, a marvelous thing happens: community members and musicians connect in direct, deep and meaningful ways. People realize that Symphonic music is ever-present in their lives these days through broadcast and digital media and they welcome opportunities to interact with it right in the fabric of their daily lives. By the same token, our musicians love the opportunity to perform in experiences that are intimate and have a more personal connection to audiences and the chance to interact and develop relationships."

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