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**OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY AND THE CRANEWAY PAVILION
ANNOUNCE JULY 3rd INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Live Music, Food And Fireworks - Free To The Public in one of the Bay Area's Most Popular Independence Day Celebrations

Richmond, CA, May15, 2015—The **Oakland East Bay Symphony, the Craneway Pavilion**, located inside the historic **Ford Point Building** on the waterfront in Richmond, **and the City of Richmond** will again join forces to host a family-friendly **Independence Day Celebration** led by the **Oakland East Bay Symphony** and **Music Director Michael Morgan** on Friday, July 3. The evening will also include pre-performance entertainment, food and fireworks. **Craneway Pavilion**, located on 25 waterfront acres, delivers spectacular views of the San Francisco skyline, with floor-to-ceiling windows throughout the entire event space as well as a 20,000 square foot patio, perfect for viewing the City of Richmond's firework display. The event is free to the public and in the seven years since its inception has become one of the Bay Area's most popular and talked-about Independence Day Celebrations. **Paid parking will be available beginning at 5 pm and access to the Craneway Pavilion and Wharf will begin at 6:30 pm.** Concert sponsors include the City of Richmond and Chevron, Mechanics Bank is a contributing sponsor and KDFC is the media sponsor. For more information, visit www.oeps.org or www.craneway.com. In addition to the annual July 3 concert and fireworks at the Craneway, Oakland East Bay Symphony will also perform on Independence Day, Saturday, July 4, at the Alameda County Fair.

Following pre-concert live music featuring performances by top local music groups. At **8 p.m.** the **Oakland East Bay Symphony**, conducted by **Music Director Michael Morgan**, will begin its set of patriotic, spirited works to celebrate America's Independence Day including *The Star Spangled Banner*, Bernstein's *Candide* Overture, selections from Gershwin's *Porgy & Bess*, Songs from the American Songbook, a Sousa medley, music from *The Sound of Music*, *Frozen* and others. The City of Richmond's Firework Display will launch over the water just as the Symphony closes its program.

The Craneway Pavilion is located at **1414 Harbour Way South** in the Marina

district of Richmond and can be accessed from the 580 freeway. Seating is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Guests are encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs.

The adjacent restaurant, **Assemble**, will feature full-menu dining beginning at 5pm and remain open prior to and during the July 3rd event until 10 pm. Reservations are highly recommended. **The Craneway** will offer many additional food choices this year with several food trucks to choose from offering Independence Day themed concession menus. Beer, wine and additional beverages will be available. No outside liquor will be permitted.

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