



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Linda McLaughlin, 707-522-6444

Email: spfchildrensconcert@gmail.com

**Classical Rocks! Meet the Orchestra at the Sonoma County Fair
Tuesday, August 3rd • 2:00 to 3:00pm
Chris Beck Arena**

All fairgoers are invited to a free concert at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 3rd at 2 pm. Sonoma Paradiso Foundation presents the Santa Rosa Symphony with emcee Marcy Smothers, baritone Paul Murray and conductor Richard Loheyde. It's perfect for long-time lovers of classical music as well as children being introduced for the first time to this genre of music and the instruments that are played. Special appearances by Yo-Yo Man and Snoopy!

Over the past five years, Sonoma Paradiso has distributed more than \$6 million to children's charities in Sonoma County. Because of the success of the previous concerts, Sonoma Paradiso is tripling their audience capacity by holding the concert at the Sonoma County Fair, where more than 4000 fairgoers can enjoy the music. The Concert is free to the general public with Fair admission. Come with your children and enjoy the magic of classical music amidst the Fair's festivities.

Many of the children who will be there have created art in conjunction with the Concert, which will be displayed at Finley Hall. There will also be artwork at the entrance to the Concert. All children will be given instructional materials about the instruments and the many different styles of classical music. The program also includes a musical instrument "petting zoo," where children can touch and try the instruments before and after the concert.

Top sponsors include Charmer-Sunbelt Group, Coddling Foundation, Francis Ford Coppola Winery, Heidelberg Distributing, Jackson Family Wines, Lasseter Family Winery, Peter Michael Winery, Rabobank, Silver Oak Cellars and Twomey Cellars.

Background: *Sonoma Paradiso, a supporting organization of Community Foundation Sonoma County, was found by Jess Jackson, Barbara Banke and Peggy Furth. Over the past five years, Sonoma Paradiso has distributed more than \$6 million to children's charities. Sonoma Paradiso Foundation is committed to taking a lead role to ensure the health, education, welfare and quality of life to the children of Sonoma County.*