

## Santa Barbara Chamber Players Announce First Concert

New Non-profit's first concert will be held January 28, 2023

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The **Santa Barbara Chamber Players** (SBCP) announces its first concert to be held on January 28, 2023. Created by local musicians during the pandemic, SBCP was formed to give musicians an opportunity to perform for local audiences. Their first practice concert was held during the pandemic in the garage of Co-founder Simon Knight's home, with music performed for friends and neighbors in a socially distanced environment outdoors. The success of this effort encouraged Simon and the other co-founders, Sherylle Mills Englander and Nancy Mathison, to expand their vision of how to support the musical needs of the Santa Barbara area. Out of this, the SBCP was formed.

The SBCP first concert on January 28<sup>th</sup> will be held at the First United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Garden and Anapamu. The concert begins at 7:30 and includes the following program:

- Dvorak's 7th Symphony, first performed in London in 1885, it ranges from calm and peaceful passages to reflecting his people's resistance to political oppression.
- Mother Goose Suite by Maurice Ravel tells stories of enchanted gardens, a Chinese empress, and Beauty and the Beast.
- And Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring, a quintessential American orchestral sound, inspiring countless movie and television soundtracks.

The co-founders reviewed several possible scores before making the choices for their program.

Sherylle Mills Englander notes, "The selections for our first concert were important as they set the tone for our group and set a vision for what is to come. We were able to engage with local musicians who are passionate about these selections and will bring great performances."

Nancy Mathison, adds, "Our first offering is an opportunity to show the community our intention to provide interesting music that will inspire not only the audience, but other musicians to the possibilities that are available."

The SBCP is dedicated to providing accessible, affordable music to Santa Barbara and the Santa Ynez Valley, with reasonably priced tickets and a number of complimentary tickets offered to youth education programs. Tickets for this event are on sale now through their website: <https://sbchamberplayers.org>. The goal is to inspire the next-generation of musicians and audience, while simultaneously providing unique, professional-level performance opportunities for the young rising stars of tomorrow

Simon Knight adds, "Giving musicians an opportunity to perform benefits them and making attendance affordable benefits our community. Our goal, as we grow and hold more concerts, is to add an even richer program of vibrant classical music that everyone can enjoy."

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### About the Santa Barbara Chamber Players:

**SBCP** was founded in 2022 by Sherylle Mills Englander, Nancy Mathison and Simon Knight as a way for local musicians share their love for music with the community, inspiring and creating space for the next generation of musicians. SBCP acknowledges the generous support of The Towbes Fund for the Performing Arts, a field of interest fund of the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation and the Music Academy.

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