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Lobero Theatre Foundation and Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra Embark on New Partnership

- Lobero Theatre Foundation to Administer SBCO Endowment and Present Future Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra Performances
- First Concert will be Friday, April 27, 2018 at the Lobero Theatre

Santa Barbara, CA. March 8, 18 - The [Lobero Theatre Foundation](http://lobero.org) is pleased to announce a new collaboration with the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra and board of directors to continue the work of the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra organization. As of January 31, the Lobero Theatre Foundation will oversee administering of the funds held at the closing of the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra's 501c3. The proceeds from these funds will be used to subsidize performances of the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra and chamber music repertoire as well as classical musical education. Future goals for this fund include building the endowment to reach a level that can support a series of Chamber Orchestra performances each year. The Lobero Theatre Foundation is committed to growing their endowment for classical music as a part of the Lobero Heritage Campaign.

SBCO President Joe Campanelli explains that the transition from the SBCO's October *Grand Finale* concert to the present arrangement grew from the SBCO Board's desire to create a space for the Orchestra and Maestro Ohyama to be presented in the future, and to continue the legacy of excellence they spent 40 years perfecting. "The Lobero was the appropriate choice to make this happen. They have always been our home and we their orchestra. They embrace our vision of applying the funds to support any incarnation of Heiichiro and the orchestra playing in Santa Barbara, to continue providing music education offerings, and lastly, the flexibility to present any other collaborative classical music as appropriate."

The Lobero Theatre Foundation is inspired by the possibilities in this new collaboration, and will administer the funds in the spirit of which they were given. We will look to the community for participation as the nature of this partnership solidifies in the coming months. Campanelli adds, "It's nice to know that fighting for an art form this valuable can sometimes bear fruit that feeds our cultural appetite."

Join us in welcoming the Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra and Maestro Ohyama back to the Lobero for the first concert in this new collaboration on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 PM. SBCO's esteemed conductor, Heiichiro Ohyama will lead an orchestra composed of many of SBCO's long-serving musicians in a celebratory evening featuring the work of Tchaikovsky, Copland and Ibert. Campanelli, Maestro Ohyama and the entire

SBCO Board is eager to welcome the community— our past SBCO supporters plus new chamber orchestra repertoire fans alike—to the Lobero on April 27!

“I sincerely would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Lobero Foundation for saving us from the difficult situation. We have received such warm support and encouragement, and will make every effort to continue to bring beautiful performances to Santa Barbara.” – Maestro Heiichiro Ohyama

Tickets for this event will be on sale at the Lobero Theatre Box Office and Lobero.org on March 15, with past SBCO subscribers receiving advance notice. Section A tickets will be offered for \$55, and section B tickets for \$40, plus a limited number of VIP tickets available for \$105 which include premier seating, listing in the event program, and a hosted reception before the concert.

For those interested in supporting the Chamber Orchestra in their new home, please reach out to Brandon Mowery at 805.679.6009 / bmowery@lobero.org

LOBERO THEATRE FOUNDATION

The mission of the Lobero Theatre Foundation is to maintain and operate the historic Lobero Theatre as a performing arts center and cultural asset to the community of Santa Barbara, and to present the highest quality productions in music, dance, and theatre. Although the Lobero Theatre Foundation serves as owner and steward of the landmark Lobero Theatre, it is steadfast support from Lobero supporters, donors and ticket buyers, who serve as the true “foundation” of this great organization. Learn more about the Lobero Theatre at Lobero.org.

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CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Lobero Theatre

The Lobero Theatre Foundation presents

The Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra

Jacques Ibert: *Divertissement*

Aaron Copland: *Appalachian Spring – Suite for 13 instruments*

Peter Tchaikovsky: *Serenade for Strings Op. 48*

<https://www.lobero.org/events/sbco-april-27/>

Tickets go on sale Thursday, March 15 at 10 AM. Section A \$55, Section B \$40. Limited number of VIP tickets \$105, which include premier seating, listing in the event program, and a hosted reception before the concert. *Prices include facility fees.*

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