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**The City of Redwood City presents**  
***Classical Series***  
**A Series of Free Classical Music Concerts on Courthouse Square**

For the classic music lover in everyone, Redwood City's Classical Music Series invites you to relax to the sounds of the Opera, the Symphony and more this season. **The series launches on June 4th with Opera San José, then continues on June 25th with the innovative Redwood Symphony.** You won't want to miss these free classical concerts, performed outdoors on beautiful Courthouse Square for your musical enjoyment.

**Opera San José - June 4, 2011, 6pm**

Opera San José, which makes its home in the historic California Theatre in downtown San José, is a professional, regional opera company that is unique in the United States. Maintaining a resident company of principal artists, Opera San José specializes in showcasing the finest young professional singers in the nation.

In Redwood City, principal artists from Opera San José will present a concert highlighting some of the greatest arias and ensembles in opera repertoire from Mozart to Puccini, and a preview of the company's 2011-12 season which includes Mozart's Idomeneo, Leoncavallo's Pagliacci, Poulenc's La voix humaine, Verdi's La traviata, and Gounod's Faust.

<http://www.operasj.org>

**Redwood Symphony - June 25, 2011, 6pm**

Redwood Symphony is an inventive, all-volunteer orchestra known for exemplary musicianship and for introducing local audiences to edgier, more modern music as well as a thoughtful presentation of the classics. The performance of ambitious, contemporary repertoire, as well as the great orchestral classics. The innovative programming and emphasis on education are two reasons so many of the most talented musicians from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area volunteer their time to play, and why audiences and local critics are so enthusiastic. The Redwood Symphony will be performing selections from West Side Story, E.T., Lord of the Rings, Mozart's Eine Kleine Nacht Musik, Sousa Marches, Strauss' Beautiful Blue Danube Waltz and much more.

<http://www.redwoodsymphony.org>

**Press Information**

Classical Music Series - Opera San José

6pm, Saturday, June 4

Courthouse Square 2200 Broadway,

Redwood City, CA 94063

FREE Admission

650-780-7340 or <http://www.redwoodcity.org/events/classical.html>

Classical Music Series - Redwood Symphony  
6pm, Saturday, June 25  
Courthouse Square 2200 Broadway,  
Redwood City, CA 94063  
FREE Admission  
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### **Other Events at Downtown Redwood City's 2011 Summer Series**

Along with our Classical Music series, other exciting FREE evening events include: Jazz on Main on Mondays, Dancing on the Square on Tuesdays, Movies on the Square on Thursdays, and Music on the Square on Fridays. Other ongoing events in the coming months include six special outdoor exhibits featuring Art on the Square, as well as weekend Target Family Days. Full details at [www.redwoodcityevents.com](http://www.redwoodcityevents.com)

These free events, occurring throughout the summer, are sponsored by the City of Redwood City and its Redevelopment Agency, Civic Cultural Commission, and Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

The Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department provides recreational facilities and activities for all ages and interests, and supplies building and custodial services for City buildings. Redwood City Parks also operates the Fair Oaks Community Center, providing social, educational, and cultural activities, as well as information, referral, and counseling services to persons living in Redwood City and neighboring communities. Redwood City Parks is more than you think! Its website is located at [www.redwoodcity.org/parks](http://www.redwoodcity.org/parks).

Visit Redwood City's award-winning website at [www.redwoodcity.org](http://www.redwoodcity.org) for information about the City and its services, the community, recreation programs, education, and local business. Subscribe to Redwood City's email newsletter or other documents by visiting [www.redwoodcity.org/egov](http://www.redwoodcity.org/egov).

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