

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Friday, June 5, 2009



### **CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH FABULOUS FAMILY FOURTH CONCERT AND FIREWORKS WITH MEMBERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY AT SUNKEN GARDEN THEATER**

**WHO:** ARTS San Antonio (ARTS SA) presents the Members of the San Antonio Symphony in the Fabulous Family Fourth Concert with the largest Independence Day display of fireworks on **Saturday, July 4, 2009**. Conducted by Bernard Rubenstein, this performance celebrates 233 years of American independence and commemorates the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln with a performance of American composer Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait".

"Lincoln Portrait" is a symphonic orchestral work written by the American composer Aaron Copland. The work requires a full symphony orchestra, with particular emphasis on the brass section at climactic moments. The work is narrated by KONO 101.1's Dave Rios with the reading of excerpts of Abraham Lincoln's greatest documents, including his "Gettysburg Address." Lincoln Portrait was written by Copland as part of the World War II patriotic war effort in 1942.

**WHAT:** ARTS San Antonio is the premier presenter of performing arts in the South Texas region. ARTS SA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the education, enrichment and entertainment of the people, especially the children, of greater San Antonio. Net proceeds from this performance subsidize the cost of performing arts and classroom workshops in area schools.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, July 4, 2009 – 8:00 pm**  
**Ground opens at 6:00 pm**

**WHERE:** Sunken Garden Amphitheater  
3875 N Saint Mary's St  
San Antonio, TX 78212

**TICKETS:** VIP Reserved Table Seats are available for \$75 each and must be purchased in multiples of two (2) per order. VIP Reserved Table Seat orders include one (1) VIP Valet Parking pass, admission for two persons, passes for two to the concert's exclusive backstage VIP Garden Area, plus seating at a reserved table with four chairs, located for optimal sound and viewing.

Reserved Table Seats are available for \$40 each and must be purchased in multiples of two (2) per order. Each Reserved Table Seat order includes admission plus two chairs at a reserved table of four. VIP and regular Reserved Table Seats are limited in quantity. Orders for these seats will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.

General Admission seating is available for \$20 each. There will be a \$1 facility fee charge with the purchase of each ticket.

Children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by a ticketed adult. Children must have a ticket to be seated at a reserved table.

**INFO:** **Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 and Ticketmaster.com. For more information on Fabulous Family Fourth Concert and Fireworks or ARTS San Antonio contact ARTS SA at 210-226-2891 or visit [ArtsSA.org](http://ArtsSA.org).**

**PICNIC:** Patrons are invited to bring picnics into the audience area. Grounds open at 6 pm. Augie's Barbed Wire Smokehouse will offer a variety of food to include barbeque sandwiches, chicken on a stick, frozen dessert treats and more. Cold beer, wine, soft drinks and water will be available at each performance.

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