

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
Monday, September 21, 2009

Media Contact: Karen Hershenson  
(415) 677-0328 or Karen@performances.org

[Editors: For a copy of this release and downloadable, high-resolution photos, go to [www.performances.org](http://www.performances.org) and click on the Press Page link.]

---

**CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON DANCE COMPANY DEBUTS ON SFP FAMILY  
MATINEE SERIES**

Ticket prices reduced from last season for high-quality, hour-long performances

---

San Francisco, CA – San Francisco Performances has lowered ticket prices for its 2009-2010 Family Matinee Series, which features such world-renowned artists as choreographer Christopher Wheeldon's new dance company Morphoses and the return of Kronos Quartet.

Besides Wheeldon's Morphoses (January 24) and Kronos (May 2), the Family Matinee Series features guitarists Peter and Zoltan Katona with baritone Christopheren Nomura (October 10), pianist Marino Formenti (December 6), and Quartet San Francisco (March 20).

San Francisco Performances' incomparable Family Matinees last about an hour, bringing a wide range of accomplished artists who make a point of interacting with the audience.

Tickets for all concerts this season are \$8 youths and \$15 adults. (Last season's prices were \$12 youths, \$25 adults). The entire package of five Family Matinees is just \$33.75 youths, \$63.75 adults. For more information or to order, call (415) 392-2545 or visit [www.performances.org](http://www.performances.org).

Here is the complete schedule (all concerts at the Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave., SF unless otherwise noted):

**PETER AND ZOLTÁN KATONA, GUITARS**  
**CHRISTOPHEREN NOMURA, BARITONE**  
11 a.m. Saturday, October 10

SFP Guitar Artists-in-Residence (twin brothers Peter and Zoltan Katona) join former resident vocal artist Christopheren Nomura for a joyful morning of singing and strumming. The artists will perform both separately and together.

**MARINO FORMENTI, PIANO**  
2 p.m. Sunday, December 6

The always-creative Italian pianist will feature French composer Olivier Messiaen's works inspired by birdsongs for this interactive, family-friendly concert.

**MORPHOSES/THE WHEELDON COMPANY**

2 p.m. Sunday, January 24, 2010

Novellus Theatre at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 700 Howard St., San Francisco

This young and innovative company, led by former New York City Ballet resident choreographer Christopher Wheeldon, will show the audience how he is re-imagining ballet for the modern world.

**QUARTET SAN FRANCISCO**

11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010

San Francisco's own Grammy-nominated quartet mixes jazz, tango, pop, blues and bluegrass — perfect for a young audience.

**KRONOS QUARTET**

11 a.m. Sunday, May 2, 2010

*Around the World with Kronos!*

Known for boundless curiosity, Kronos blends music from other worlds to bring back home to the Bay Area. The Quartet will demonstrate how music from far away can bring us together.

About San Francisco Performances

Founded in 1979 by Artistic Director Ruth Felt, San Francisco Performances is the city's pre-eminent presenter of world-renowned and emerging artists in chamber music, vocal and instrumental recitals, jazz and contemporary dance. Through innovative programming, SFP brings audiences and artists together in unique ways, with more than 100 premieres and San Francisco debuts to its credit, including composer/pianist Thomas Adès, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter; and dance companies Batsheva from Israel and Compáñia Nacional de Danza from Spain.