

NOVA VISTA SYMPHONY APPOINTS ANTHONY QUARTUCCIO, JR. TO MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR 2010-2011 SEASON

SUNNYVALE, Calif.—May 10, 2010—Nova Vista Symphony today announced the appointment of Anthony Quartuccio, Jr. as its new Music Director, beginning with the orchestra's 2010-2011 season. Mr. Quartuccio will succeed Ann Krinitsky, and will be the 7th music director for the orchestra since its inception in 1966. Nova Vista Symphony, based in Sunnyvale, California, performs an annual season of four subscription concerts that include large symphonic works and solo performances, and is engaged in youth and community programs to educate and mentor young artists and adult music appreciators.

"We are thrilled that Tony Quartuccio has accepted our offer to become the next Music Director of Nova Vista Symphony," said Carolyn Hughes, Board Director, Nova Vista Symphony Association. "Tony is well-recognized for his artistic excellence and has spent the past years developing a natural skill in leading professional, community and youth orchestras to deliver popular programs. He brings a wealth of energy and experience with him and we look forward to the next season under his leadership."

"I am very pleased to join Nova Vista Symphony and lead this orchestra into a new level of artistry," said Anthony Quartuccio, Jr. "Nova Vista Symphony has a fine reputation for large scale symphonic performances in the Silicon Valley and across Santa Clara County, and this is a tremendous opportunity to expand the orchestra's reach to our diverse audience, as well as present a fresh and inspiring repertoire that will be exciting for our audience!"

Anthony Quartuccio, Jr. conducts regularly at Opera San Jose, is Associate Conductor of the San Jose Chamber Orchestra, and is Music Director of the South Valley Symphony in the South Bay. Quartuccio is also founding Music Director of the Bay Shore Lyric Opera in Capitola, where he conducted critically acclaimed productions including *La Boheme*, *Rigoletto*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *La Traviata*, and *Die Fledermaus*. Some of his appearances include the Santa Clara Chorale, the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, the Japanese Choral Federations of Northern and Southern California, and the Rimrock Opera in Montana. In 2006, he received an Honorary Doctorate degree from Santa Clara University representing 150 years of arts graduates. The same year he was given a lifetime achievement award in the arts from the Italian-American Heritage Foundation in conjunction with commendations from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the California State Senate. Quartuccio graduated *cum laude* from

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Santa Clara University and is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he studied conducting with Otto-Werner Mueller, and was awarded a personal career grant from David Packard, benefactor of the Packard Foundation, for advanced studies. While at Curtis, he served as an assistant to eminent conductor of the Metropolitan Opera and Cincinnati Symphony, Max Rudolf. Quartuccio has participated in master classes and seminars with some of the world's leading conductors, including Kurt Masur, Zubin Mehta, Gustav Meier, Riccardo Muti, Andre Previn, Gunther Schuller, and David Zinman.

About Nova Vista Symphony

Nova Vista Symphony, established in 1966, is comprised of more than 60 volunteer musicians of wide age range and ethnic background. The orchestra's fourfold mission is: to make live classical music attractive and accessible to individuals and families at a reasonable price; to expose youngsters to classical music and educate tomorrow's audiences; to provide an opportunity for musicians – talented but choosing careers other than music – to perform with a top quality orchestra; and to provide a showcase for local soloists and composers. For more information, please visit www.novavista.org

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