

Santa Barbara Symphony's

# New Year's Eve Pops Concert

**R**EVELING IN POPULAR MUSIC and celebrating the New Year has become an art form for "Pops Conductor" Richard Kaufman, who led the Santa Barbara Symphony in tributes and musical remembrance on New Year's Eve at the Arlington Theatre.

Sharing the stage with their talents were, tenor Matt James and pianist and composer Nelson Kole. Both provide extraordinary

solos during the evening. Kole's performance was part of the "Tribute to the 100th Birthday of Leroy Anderson," and he also performed an original piece called *Someday*, composed by himself. Matt James



**Nelson Kole**, piano soloist and **Richard Kaufman**, Principal Pops Conductor

provided memorable performances of *Bring Him Home* from *Les Miserables*, written by Alain Boublil/Claude-Michel Schoenberg. James also received a standing ovation for *Nessun Dorma* from *Turandot* by Giacomo Puccini.

Kaufman kept the evening light, bright, and moving quickly

with wonderful banter between himself and the audience.

The sold out performance was greeted by Board President Gillian Launie. Special guest conductor John Matuszeski led the orchestra for the Leroy Anderson song *Sleigh Ride*. The pre-concert reception was hosted by A.C. Moore. The concert sponsored by Rabobank, and the media sponsor was CASA Magazine.

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**Caroline Campbell**, Guest Concertmaster



**Gillian Launie**, SB Symphony President; **Richard Aberle**, SB Symphony Board Member with **A.C. Moore** who was the Pre-Concert Reception Host and is a SB Symphony Board Member



**Andy Granatelli** with SB Symphony Executive Director, **John Robinson**



**Robin Schaffer** and **Matt James**, tenor



**Carolina Montgomery**



**Gregg Hackenthal** and **Penny Jenkins**



**Mary Ellen Tiffany** and **MacLain Tiffany**



**Alice Anton** and **Al Steinman**



**Dolly Granatelli** with **Gary Vandeventer, M.D.**, and **Lori Granatelli**

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