

MEDIA ALERT



ARVE TELLEFSEN IN CONCERT

Famous Violinist Returns to San Francisco for First Time in 15 Years

WHAT: Arve Tellefsen, one of the world's most distinguished violinists, returns for a concert in San Francisco for the first time in nearly 15 years. He will team up with pianist, Sveinung Bjelland, to perform music from two composers, Edvard Grieg & Ole Bull.

WHO: Tellefsen was born in Trondheim, Norway, where he began to learn violin at the age of six. His career has taken him to all the major European venues and has toured extensively in the Far East, the former Soviet Union, and the United States. A formidable musician, it is his exceptionally warm, vibrant tone, and his passionate intensity which have won him acclaim throughout the world. His ability to captivate and communicate with the audience ranks him amongst the greatest violinists of today. He has worked with many of the world's leading orchestras and conductors, including Rozhdestvensky, Kondrashin, Mehta, Giulini Celibidache, and Svetlanov. In November 1993, he performed with the San Francisco Symphony.

WHY: Tellefsen comes to the Bay Area to kick off the 15th Annual Norway Day Festival, the largest festival of its kind in the United States. The festival runs Saturday and Sunday, May 3 – 4 at Fort Mason. For more information, visit: www.norwayday.org.

WHEN: **Friday, May 2, 2008**
8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cowell Theater at Fort Mason Center
San Francisco

TICKETS: Tickets available online at www.norwayday.org or call Fort Mason Box Office at (415) 345 7573. Prices: \$25 - \$100.

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