COOL PICKS

Saturday/Sunday

Santa Cruz Symphony’s ‘Renewal’

The Santa Cruz County Symphony officially closes its first season under the direction of Daniel Stewart (above) with ‘Renewal,’ featuring no fewer than four vocal soloists from the Metropolitan Opera in New York and in collaboration with the mighty Cabrillo Symphonic Chorus. The program features Mozart’s devotional piece ‘Ave Verum Corpus,’ followed by Leonard Bernstein’s ‘Chichester Psalms,’ mixing Jewish and Christian traditions in a choral ode to brotherhood and gratitude. The concert concludes with the formidable ‘Requiem’ by Mozart, the last piece ever composed by the celebrated genius.

IF YOU GO

When: 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday
Where: Saturday at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, Sunday at the Mello Center for the Performing Arts, Watsonville
Tickets: $22-$67
Note: Free preconcert talk one hour before each performance.
Details: santacruzsymphony.org