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### **San Antonio Symphony Violinist, Aimee Toomes, Performing at the New Braunfels Public Library**

**New Braunfels, TX** - San Antonio Symphony violinist, Aimee Toomes will give a special performance at the New Braunfels Public Library on Monday June 15th at 7 p.m. Ms. Toomes' performance is the first in the library's Summer Concert Series.

Ms. Toomes, a Washington, D.C. native, joined the San Antonio Symphony in 2008. Prior to then she performed for four years with the New World Symphony in Miami Beach under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas.

"During her time with the New World Symphony, Ms. Toomes enjoyed opportunities to work with such artists as the Orion Quartet, Robert Spano, and Gil Shaham; and to perform at such venues as New York's Carnegie Hall and the Opera Comique de Paris," said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. "She has performed with the Colorado Music Festival in Boulder and the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra in Lenox, Massachusetts."

A lover of Baroque and Renaissance music, Ms. Toomes is a founding member of the Collegium Noctuarum ensemble at Rice University. She has appeared in solo recitals in Houston, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Ms. Toomes received her Master of Music degree from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music in Houston and her Bachelor of Music degree from the Peabody Institute of Music at Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, MD. Aside from loving her job, Aimee enjoys teaching her young violin students.

The concert on Monday will be one hour in length, and will include works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Jules Massenet, and composers from the Baroque and Classical periods. Ms. Toomes will answer questions from the audience, discuss her training and career as a concert violinist, and even discuss the development of the violin. She will also discuss the stories behind the works she performs.

“Aimee Toomes is a superb concert violinist, and she is able to engage her audience in the beauty of the music she performs as well as enlighten with the stories behind the music,” said Ms. Pruett. “This is the first of two concerts this summer. The second, in July, will be a performance by a nationally recognized jazz quartet. We’re thrilled to be able to offer excellent performers to our community. This concert series will appeal to audiences of all ages and families with young children are encouraged to attend.”

This special musical event at the library is made possible with the support of *The Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library*.

For more information about this event call Public Service Librarian Ben Pensiero at 830-221-4325.

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