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HAWAII YOUTH SYMPHONY'S PACIFIC MUSIC INSTITUTE SHOWCASES 107 YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM OAHU, MAUI, BIG ISLAND AND MAINLAND

The amazing results of joining the efforts of 22 music clinicians and 107 students, grades 8-12, from three islands and California, for a week-long intensive music institute will be on display during two concerts that are free to the public. The Pacific Music Institute, now in its 22nd year of offering quality, intensive music training for serious music students presents:

1) **Pacific Music Institute's *String Orchestra and Jazz Band Concert***

Saturday, July 25, 2009, 5:30-7:00 pm, Mid-Pacific Institute's Bakken Auditorium,
FREE, no tickets

2) **Pacific Music Institute's *Finale Concert***, featuring Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band

Sunday, July 26, 2009, 5:00-7:00 pm, Pearl City Cultural Center, FREE, no tickets

The Pacific Music Institute, hosted by the Hawaii Youth Symphony, is an intensive 9-day workshop from July 18-26 for serious music students. PMI creates an environment where students with a genuine interest in music can study under some of Hawaii's finest musicians and instructors. Students participate in daily workshops and rehearsals. The immersion program, under the direction of Maestro Henry Miyamura, includes symphony orchestra, concert band, string orchestra, chamber groups, jazz band and instrument sectionals. The workshops culminate in two astounding, full-length performances that showcase every participating student and demonstrate what can transpire during a brief period of time when students are driven, motivated and focused on creating music together.

The Hawaii Youth Symphony, one of the largest, oldest and finest youth symphonies in the country, is Hawaii's only statewide youth orchestra program. Since 1964, HYS has trained young people, ages 7-18, to develop and showcase their musical skills. It serves more than 600 students from 100 schools on different islands in two primary programs: **The Academy** which houses four string orchestras, a free band program, a free general music program and a Summer Strings program; and the **Symphony Program** comprised of three full symphony orchestras, a chamber music program and a summer intensive music program. HYS offers programming for the absolute beginner to the most accomplished young musicians. Education and concert performance are key elements of the program. Offering a robust financial assistance program, HYS ensures its programs are accessible to any interested student regardless of financial condition, including students living on neighbor islands who receive travel subsidies to participate. HYS produces an average of 21 concerts per year, including eight free Listen & Learn

educational concerts for nearly 10,000 school children throughout Hawaii. For more information, visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org.
