



Hawaii Youth Symphony

Hawai'i Youth Symphony Association Newsletter

...OF Note ♫

A TRADITION OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Fall 2004

SAVE THE DATE

Open House, Annual Meeting & Potluck
Sun., Sept. 26
University of Hawai'i

Carol Kai Anniversary Event
Youth Symphony II
Sun., Nov. 7, 6:00 p.m.
Hawaii Theatre

Concert Orchestra Concert
Sun., Nov. 14, 2:00 p.m.
Kahala Mall

Youth Symphony II Concert
Sun., Nov. 21, 2:00 p.m.
Windward Mall

He Makana O Nā Mele Benefit Concert
Sun., Nov. 28, 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Hawaiian Village

Winter Concert Fanfares: Celebrating 40 Years
YSI, YSII, CO
Sun., Dec. 5, 4:00 p.m.
Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall

Listen & Learn Concerts
Mon., Dec. 6, YSI
Tues., Dec. 7, YSII
Fri., Dec. 10, CO

String Program Holiday Concert
Sun., Dec. 12, 1:00 p.m.
Kaimuki High School

Winter Break (all programs)
Sun.-Sun., Dec. 19-26

HYSA Prepares for 40th Anniversary Celebration

Message from the President



2004-2005 will be a season full of celebration, new works, reunions and exceptional music. HYSA turns 40 in

December, and Artistic Director Henry Miyamura has themed this landmark season, **Past, Present and Future**.

Henry is preparing programs that will not only highlight the outstanding talents of our orchestras, but will also include performances by Youth Symphony alumni from around the globe.

Although its roots reach as far back as the mid-1950s, HYSA was officially incorporated in December 1964. What began as a small orchestra has grown to seven orchestras educating 600 children between the ages of 7-18 who represent 85 public, private and home schools throughout the state. HYSA has a proud history and has achieved a great deal over 40 years.

An additional high note of this season is that it marks the **20th year** that Maestro **Henry Miyamura** has lent his artistic genius to HYSA's programs. Henry has influenced the lives of countless students during his career and we applaud—and gratefully acknowledge—him for his life-long commitment to building better lives for our young people.



We also welcome **Selena Ching**, HYSA's new Executive Director, who

started in mid-August. Selena is a wonderful addition to our HYSA family. Her background in development and working with nonprofits will help steer HYSA through its next decade of challenges and accomplishments.

As we plan for our 40th anniversary season, I want to extend a warm mahalo to our students, their families, our board, and especially our dedicated music and administrative staff for creating an environment of continual, positive learning



for our young musicians. And I want to express our sincere gratitude to the fun-

ders of our concerts and programs who play vital roles in sustaining our organization. Registration fees provide less than 20% of HYSA's budgetary needs. We depend on the support of our donors to maintain the high-quality musical standards that have been a hallmark of HYSA for 40 years.

We are grateful to have you as part of our family and look forward to working together to continue our tradition of musical excellence.

Aloha,

Roy E. King, Jr.

***From the Top* Coming to Hawai'i**

A live taping of the weekly NPR radio program, "From The Top" will be recorded at the Hawaii Theatre on Wednesday, December 15. This series showcases the country's best pre-college classical musicians. Chris O'Reilly hosts this national program which airs in Hawai'i on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on HPR, KKUA and KANO.

Audition forms are available at www.fromthetop.org. For more information, call Hawaii Public Radio at 955-8821. Tickets for the taping go on sale in September for HPR members and October for the public.



HYSA Annual Open House, Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, September 26

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| 1:30 p.m. | Families check in at UH, Orvis Aud. |
| 1:45-2:45 p.m. | Open Rehearsals

YSI , UH Room 108
YSII, Education Lab
Concert Orchestra, UH Room 36 |
| 3:00 p.m. | Annual Meeting for everyone, Orvis Aud. |
| 3:45-5:00 p.m. | Potluck for everyone, UH Music Dept.
Courtyard |

The String Program will not meet on this day, and we invite students and families to join us for the annual meeting and potluck.

In Search for HYSA Alumni

HYSA is launching a major initiative in commemoration of its 40th anniversary: **Project Alumni**. The scope of the project will include an all-out search for as many HYSA alumni as possible, and we'll need everyone's help. HYSA is forming task groups to strategize and launch this vital program.

Alumni events and activities will be planned to keep past participants connected and to strengthen musical ties around the country.

This is the first major effort to build a program for HYSA's former students. The skills that are developed

and the camaraderie that is fostered through endless hours of rehearsals and momentous performances are often carried well-beyond graduation from HYSA, and we hope to develop a vehicle to preserve these relationships.

Henry Miyamura is creating programs that include alumni throughout the concert season. And he hopes that as many alumni as possible will join us at our concerts. They promise to be truly fantastic performances with opportunities to reconnect with old friends and enjoy exceptional music. ♪

Dear HYSA Alumni:

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

If HYSA needs to update its contact information for you, let us know by filling out the form below, emailing admin@hiyouthsymphony.org or calling the office at 941-9706. If you know how to contact other HYSA alumni, please share that information with us or ask them to contact HYSA directly. These are exciting times for HYSA. Our organization is strengthened by the achievements of alumni like you. Help us to build-up our HYSA family, and continue to foster musical excellence. Aloha.

I am a HYSA alum! (Please fill in and return to HYSA, 1110 University Ave., Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96826. Mahalo!)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name while with HYSA _____ Years with HYSA _____

Address/Street/City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Occupation & Employer: _____

I know other HYSA alumni:

Name/Address/Phone/Email: _____

Help HYSA While You Shop



The month of September marks **Foodland's Give Aloha**

Program which underscores the grocer's commitment to its customers and the community-at-large. From September 1-30, 2004 Foodland will **match every dollar** (up to \$249 per customer) that is directed to HYSA.

How can you help? When at the check-out at any Foodland or Sack N Save, give the cashier your Mai-ka'i card and HYSA's **code number: 77060 or tell the cashier you'd like to donate to HYSA.** The amount of your donation will automatically be added to your receipt. If you'd like a formal acknowledgment for your donation from HYSA, please send us your original receipt and your contact information. Thank you. ♫



Our Dedicated CONCERT PARENTS

Youth Symphony I

Janet Morita, Lead Concert Parent
Jerry Kushiyama, Concert Parent

Youth Symphony II

Joanne Hanagami, Lead Concert Parent
Lynne Nakamoto, Concert Parent
Lisa Valenti, Concert Parent

Concert Orchestra

Nancy Hughes, Co-Concert Parent
Elsie Kawahara, Co-Concert Parent

Special thanks go to our Board Vice President of Operations, and one of our most active volunteers for the past 17 years... **Les Murata**. Mahalo for all you do, Les.

HYSA benefits enormously from a strong corps of volunteers who give countless hours of their personal time to ensure that our programs and concerts are successful. We appreciate the efforts of each of our volunteers, and especially want to recognize our **CONCERT PARENTS** who dedicate a great deal of time each week to ensure that everything for rehearsals and performances runs smoothly. This allows our conductors to focus on teaching our students. Mahalo to our concert parents!

HYSA will post weekly updates on rehearsals/schedule changes on its website: www.hiyouthsymphony.org.

We'll also update our outgoing message machine every Friday. The number to call is 941-9706, ext. 3.

HYSA on Perry & Price Morning Show

November 20



Henry Miyamura and several YSI students will perform on the Perry & Price Saturday morning show on November 20 at John Dominis. So tune-in to KSSK! Or better yet, if you'd like to attend the show, call John Dominis to make reservations, 523-0955. The show runs from 8-11 a.m. and includes a buffet brunch. Tickets are \$24.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children 12 and younger. ♫

HYSA is part of the 2004 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN.

If you are a military or federal government employee, you could make a single pledge or regular contributions to HYSA through payroll deductions. No check-writing, no postage, no hassles. Look for HYSA in your upcoming CFC brochure. Our **code number is 9133**. Mahalo. ♫

The 2005 **Entertainment** books are here! You could save up to 50% at your favorite Hawai'i merchants. Included in the book are cou-

ppons for restaurants, hotels, services, retailers, entertainment sources and so much more...



Books are \$30. Buy your book the next time you're at the HYSA office or call the office at 941-9706, and start saving! ♫

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First Hawaiian Foundation Funds Winter Concert

Sunday, December 5, 4:00 p.m., Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall

HYSA received a generous \$10,000 grant from the **First Hawaiian Foundation** in support of the 2004 Winter Concert, scheduled for December 5 at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. Entitled *Fanfares: Celebrating 40 Years*, this concert will feature Youth Symphony I, Youth Symphony II and Concert Orchestra, and will kick off HYSA's 40th anniversary season. Artistic Director Henry Miyamura has invited two very special alumni as guest artists for this performance.

String bassist **Kurt Muroki** played with the Youth Symphony in the mid-80s and currently resides in

New York City working as a free-lance musician and a chamber music artist. A graduate of the Juilliard School, Kurt has played on concert stages throughout the world, and is the bassist in several New York ensembles and orchestras.

Fellow HYSA alum **Anna Lim** will be another featured guest at the Winter Concert. A Professor of Violin at Princeton University, Anna has been a member of several award-winning groups and recorded on many American labels. Anna played her first concert with the Honolulu Symphony at the age of 5.

Mr. Miyamura will be commissioning new fanfares to be premiered at this landmark concert.

HYSA owes a deep debt of gratitude to the First Hawaiian Foundation for its steadfast support over the years, and for making possible this spectacular evening. ♫

"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy."

—Ludwig Van Beethoven



Pacific Music Institute a World-Class Success

For one week this past July, 128 students from each of the major Hawaiian islands, Tokyo, Texas and California gathered in Honolulu to participate in a musical immersion program. Registered students auditioned for seats in Concert Band, String Orchestra, Jazz Band and various chamber ensembles. A group of nineteen faculty members comprised of some of the state's most prominent music educators facilitated the intensive workshops. The daily regimens culminated in a free-to-the-public finale concert.

This annual summer program is open to students in grades 8

through 12. PMI offers participants opportunities to strengthen their musical skills and enhance their understanding of diversity as students come from varied ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds.

HYSA is grateful for a \$5,000 grant from the **JACKIE CHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** which provided scholarships for 16 students to attend PMI. The generosity of world-

renowned actor and philanthropist, Jackie Chan, enabled students to share in a memorable week of music, fellowship and outstanding performances. ♫



2004 Pacific Music Institute Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation scholarship recipients

Financial Aid Program Growing in Assistance

Thanks to generous contributions from thoughtful organizations such as the **MCINERNY FOUNDATION**, HYSA is able to ensure that its educational services and benefits are available to all interested students and families, regardless of their economic situations. The McIner-

ny Foundation recently approved a \$5,000 grant to HYSA for financial aid assistance. HYSA recognizes that pursuit of musical education not only demands strict discipline and enormous amounts of time, but also requires a financial commitment necessary for instru-

ments, music, private lessons, performances, etc. We are grateful to donors like the McInerny Foundation who make musical enrichment a realization for each student who seeks it. ♫

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

HYSA students make significant commitments of time and effort when they register for our programs during the school year. Many see summer as a break from the demands of the academic year when they are balancing school, music, and other extracurricular activities. However, there are also students who view summer vacation as an opportunity to further their musical talents while visiting a different part of the country. Here's where some of HYSA's musicians flew to this summer:

National Symphony Orchestra Institute

Dana Furusawa, cello

Thomas Lee, violin

Tanglewood

Matt Love, string bass

Interlochen: World Youth Symphony

Alyse Hashi, flute

In Young Park, violin

Michael Yoshimi, clarinet

Interlochen Concerto Winner

Roy Miyamoto, piano soloist

Interlochen: Top Jazz Band and Top Symphonic Band

Sheri Lyn Muneno, flute

Brandon Tucay, percussion

Interlochen: Concert Orchestra

Nawa Lanzilotti, cello

International String Bass Workshop

Kalei Ha'o

Kathryn Schulmeister

Peter Valenti

Welcome home, travelers! ♫

HYSA Wish List

HYSA operates from season to season on a very tight budget. In order to stretch our funds and to ensure that more money can go directly towards student programs, we look to our community to help with donations which could also include gifts-in-kind. If you'd like to make a contribution of new or gently-used items, please contact HYSA at 941-9706. Mahalo.

- Microwave oven
- Color printer
- Filing cabinets
- Conference table
- Office Chairs
- Photoshop software
- Digital camera
- Flat-bed scanner
- 3-line phone system
- Computer desks
- Electronic stapler
- Folding machine

HYSA Needs Your Help!

- HYSA serves 600 students each year, ages 7-18
- HYSA operates 3 full-symphonic orchestras and 4 string orchestras
- Students range in ability from absolute beginners to the most accomplished young musicians
- Approximately 25 public performances are scheduled each season
- More than 15,000 people attend HYSA concerts each year
- HYSA provides free Listen & Learn Concerts for more than 9,000 school-aged children throughout the state
- Public funds for arts education are shrinking dramatically, increasing demand for HYSA's programs

YES, I want to help HYSA continue its tradition of fostering musical excellence for Hawai'i's youth.

Name _____

Address _____

Day Phone _____ Eve Phone _____

E-mail _____

____ I am an alumni of the Hawai'i Youth Symphony. Years _____

I would like to make a 100%-deductible donation of:

____ \$25 ____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ \$150 ____ \$250 ____ Other - \$_____

____ My check, made out to HYSA, is enclosed.

Please charge my ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ AmEx ____ Discover

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

____ My company has a matching program which could possibly double my gift to HYSA. I work for: _____

Please send this form with payment to: HYSA, 1110 University Ave., #200 Honolulu, HI 96826. Phone: 941-9706 Fax: 941-4995 **MAHALO!**

World-famous Gabe
Battazza will join HYSA
 for its benefit concert



Voted Best Band by Honolulu Star-Bulletin/
 MidWeek's Hawai'i's Best poll, **Kapena** will
 be a Na Mele guest artist.



2815
 provide excellent music education for our students. See you on November 28th at 5:30 p.m., and the concert will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.
 Sponsor tables of ten are available for \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$850. The evening will open at 4:30 p.m. with a silent auction and no-host cocktail hour. All the sales from this auction support HYSA. A lavish

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plished musicians has to offer. You won't want to miss this performance of magical music. And most importantly, this is HYSA's biggest fund raiser of the year, and your participation will help HYSA to continue to bring out the Hawaiian melodies to bring out the best of what each of the accom-

Henry Miyamura is compiling music

evening to remember. Music Director

This popular event promises to be an

individual seats are \$75. Seating is

by first-paid, best-seated, according

to sponsorship level. Call 941-9706

to reserve your seats.

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