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HAWAII YOUTH SYMPHONY OFFERS FREE CONCERTS AT MACC
Willie K Joins Orchestra for Free Community Concert

KAHULUI—Ninety-seven of the state's most talented young musicians take the stage with **Willie K** when the Hawaii Youth Symphony (HYS) returns to Maui to perform one FREE concert for the Maui community on Monday, **February 21, 2011, 7:00 pm, at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center's Castle Theater**. This spectacular concert will feature HYS's Youth Symphony I, a 90-member symphonic orchestra, under the baton of Music Director Henry Miyamura, who is known for creative and innovative programming. The orchestra is comprised of secondary school students from 22 schools on Oahu and the Big Island. Seven students of the Maui Youth Philharmonic Orchestra will join the orchestra for this concert. **Willie K** will perform both classic and newly-released works with the orchestra.

There is no charge for attending this one-time only concert. Seating is available on a first come/first served basis. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For more information, call HYS at 808-941-9706, www.HiYouthSymphony.org or MACC at www.MauiArts.org or 808-242-SHOW.

On Tuesday, **February 22**, Youth Symphony I returns to the Castle Theater to offer two free **Listen & Learn concerts** for Maui school children. These free 45-minute educational concerts introduce students to orchestral music, families of instruments and proper concert behavior, helping them to meet state arts standards. The concerts include sing-a-longs and opportunities for students to conduct the orchestra. These concerts are filled to capacity at this time. The Listen & Learn concert series is presented with the endorsement of the Hawaii State Department of Education.

The Hawaii Youth Symphony makes excellent music education available to all Hawaii youth. HYS annually serves more than 700 students, ages 5-18, from over 100 schools across the state. Curriculum, for the absolute beginner to the most advanced student musician, splits into two program areas. The HYS Academy, an early learning institute housed at the Boys & Girl Club, offers a full strings curriculum, a free band program, and several free general music classes. The Symphony Program presents three 90+-member symphony orchestras, a free chamber music program and the Pacific Music Institute (intensive summer camp for students from Hawaii, the mainland and Japan). An average of 23 performances are produced per year, including free Listen & Learn educational concerts for 14,000 school children. HYS distributes up to \$30,000 in financial aid annually for registration fees, instrument rentals and private lessons. Neighbor island students also receive travel subsidies. HYS instills in its students a drive to seek quality, a sense of achievement, substantial self-esteem, and an understanding that their music can strengthen our communities. HYS takes great pride in its students' accomplishments and will do all it can to help them learn, perform and grow through music. For more information, visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org.