



Hawaii Youth Symphony
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Hawaii Youth Symphony Newsletter

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Spring 2010

SAVE THE DATE

HYS Academy Spring Concert

Sat., April 24, 4:00 pm, FREE
Kaimuki High School Aud.
Foodbank donations accepted.

Chamber Music Program Finale Performance

Mon., April 26, 7:00 pm, FREE
Bakken Auditorium, MPI

Aloha Concert Luncheon

In honor of **Michael Nakasone**
with jazz vocalist **Ginai**
Sun., May 16, 10:30 am
Hilton Hawaiian Village

Symphony Orchestra Auditions

May 22-23 and May 29-30
Applications and music available
at HYS website

Academy Summer Strings

For beginning and intermediate
string players
June 14-July 16, M-F
St. Andrews Priory School

Pacific Music Institute

For students grades 8-12
July 17-25, daily workshops
UH Music Dept. & PCCC

He Makana O Na Mele with Willie K

Sun., October 24, 5:30 pm
Hilton Hawaiian Village

More program information at
www.HiYouthSymphony.org or
call 941-9706.



HYS programs are supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, City & County of Honolulu.

Celebrating a Community

As part of HYS's 45th and Maestro Henry Miyamura's 25th anniversary celebration, Youth Symphony I offered a FREE community-building concert, dedicated to the Musicians of the Honolulu Symphony, at the Blaisdell Concert Hall on April 11. More than 1,600 people attended this powerful performance that included two piano concerti, a video and musical dedication to Tadashi Sato's *Aquarius* mosaic at our State Capitol (written by Neil McKay), and a new work by composer Jon Magnussen, HYS86. Thank you to **Honolulu Symphony Chorus** and ho'opa'a chanters from **Halau Hula Ka No'eau** who collaborated on the project. Mahalo to the **City and County of Honolulu, Ellen Masaki School of Music** and **National Endowment for the Arts** for sponsoring this phenomenal day of music. The concert was followed by a celebration reception for alumni and supporters. 




Photo by Abel Rivera

Ke Ao, written for HYS anniversaries by Jon Magnussen, HYS86, for orchestra, chorus and Hawaiian chant
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Summer Tune-up

HYS's summer line-up includes *Summer Strings* and the *Pacific Music Institute*.
Visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org for information and registration forms.




PACIFIC MUSIC INSTITUTE, is an intensive 9-day workshop from July 17-25. PMI creates an environment where students serious about 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 Henry Miyamura, includes symphony orchestra, concert band, string orchestra, chamber groups, jazz band and instrument sectionals. The week culminates in a series of free concerts. PMI takes place at the University of Hawaii Music Dept. and the Pearl City Cultural Center. A room and board package at UH is available for off-island students. Students must be entering grades 8-12 with at least two years experience on their instrument. 

HYS Academy's SUMMER STRINGS program is for students eight years and older. Instruction for students on the violin, viola, cello or bass by Chad Uyehara. Two classes scheduled Monday through Friday, **June 14-July 16:**

Beginning Class for students with no experience: 1:30-2:30 pm

Intermediate Class for students with one year of string instrument experience: 3:00-4:00 pm

Classes are held at St. Andrews Priory. The five-week session costs \$195. Affordable instrument rentals available. This is a great exploration into string music. 

Executive Director's Letter

Dear HYS Friends,

HYS is having an extraordinary year! As we race towards the closing of our 45th season, we are grateful to the many people who have contributed to this milestone year. Mahalo to the guest artists who have, or will, join our students on stage including Willie K, Pauline Wilson, Lehua Heine, impressively talented winners of the Aloha International Piano Festival, the Honolulu Symphony Chorus, Halau Hula Ka No'eau, Gabe Baltazar, Dean Taba, Noel Okimoto, Ginai, Pierre Grill, Dale Senaga, and dancers of Isla Tango. The list is packed with some of our islands' finest performing artists all working together to enrich the musical experiences of our students, and provide unique programming for our audiences.

We thank our education partners from our dedicated music staff, to our chamber coaches, sectional coaches, composers, audition adjudicators, workshop clinicians all of whom contribute their talents and nurturing sensibilities to our students for prices well below their actual worth. Many of these people are also musicians of the Honolulu Symphony or the Royal Hawaiian Band, organizations whose futures are yet unsecured, and whose losses would severely weaken the foundation of the Hawaii Youth Symphony. We applaud these valuable people and those working towards keeping music alive for our children and our communities.

We also send our appreciation to our priceless volunteers, donors and supporters. When we opened our fiscal year, our financial health was dubious with a deficit budget in place. But our supporters stepped up and rallied around our cries for help, enabling us to aptly celebrate our anniversaries and continue to provide the quality music education that our young people deserve. THANK YOU! Unfortunately, the financial outlook for FY11 is again looking dim. We will continue to watch our spending but will also remain unyielding in our calls for assistance. It is an endless battle, and we appreciate your support each and every time.

A final mahalo needs to be extended to one exceptional man: **Henry Miyamura** who celebrates his 25th HYS season. President Chris Yuen made remarks at our Celebration Concert which deserve repeating: *He has been the face of the Hawaii Youth Symphony for more than two decades. He is a man of vision, integrity, dedication, and deep passion who has committed the majority of his life to music and his students...a man who has mastered the partnership between artist and inspiring educator, leaving indelible impressions on thousands of young musicians. For better or for worse, no student goes unnoticed in his orchestra. He's known to spend countless hours outside the rehearsal hall working individually with students, whether it's to sharpen a part, make up for a missed rehearsal or simply extend a hand of friendship. He is demanding and meticulous, and expects no less from his students. As a result, his record for shaping excellent ensembles, year after year, is legendary.* Bravo, Henry!

This is a year of musical triumphs and successful collaborations for HYS. Thank you for being a part of our family, and helping to build a stronger music community for our future.

Aloha,



Selena Ching



In the Spotlight

Passion, Talent and Inspiration

It is amazing how inspiration rouses bold actions. Inspired by the life of Charles Reed Bishop, **OLIVIA DE JANE** has added an incredible chapter in philanthropy to her already fascinating life.



With a doctorate in performing arts, she received international press acclaim as a soprano with expert musicianship. Her talents are rooted in a personality shaped by passion, intelligence and sensitivity. Given the opportunity to pursue a successful performance career, she later chose to share her talents as an educator, first at Punahou Music School then at Hollywood High School. Conservative with her earnings, she accumulated a lifetime's worth of savings that she now gives passionately and generously to organizations that inspire her.

The talents of our conductors and students at our last Winter Concert moved Ms. De Jane to give the largest single contribution in HYS history. Recognizing Mr. Nakasone's retirement, she established the **Michael Nakasone Legacy Fund in Honor of Youth Symphony II**. Understanding the importance of quality music education, Ms. De Jane is helping to ensure that HYS will always have financial assistance funds to help our young musicians pursue their music aspirations. It is a true honor to earn the confidence of a woman so knowledgeable and passionate about music.



Maestro Miyamura with Ms. De Jane

Leading a modest but meaningful life, Ms. De Jane is an inspiration to so many. Very vibrant and full of life, she has already built a legacy with profound impact on our state, not only through her magnanimous giving but through the model life that she leads as a woman of talent, passion and inspiration. HYS sends its deep, heartfelt gratitude to the magnificent Olivia De Jane. 🎵

Giving to HYS

Help HYS continue its mission to make quality music education available to all of Hawaii's children. For easy on-line giving visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org, or send a gift made payable to **HYS**, 1110 University Avenue, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96826

HYS also accepts

- ♪ Gifts of stock and would be pleased to discuss the benefits of your leaving a legacy to HYS through your estate planning.
- ♪ HawaiianMiles to help with neighbor island travel for our students and guest artists.

Call 941-9706 for information. HYS depends on community support to keep the music playing. Mahalo. 🎵

Music in the Clubhouse: Music4Kids Class

Pictures say so much more than words. See what's going on in HYS's free general music class at the Boys & Girls Clubhouse in McCully, taught by Ruth Komatsu.



HYS chamber groups played as part of the 2nd annual **Art at the Capitol** on Friday, March 5. Legislators welcomed the public to view the art displayed in their offices. 🎵



Kudos Korner



Monica Luat, YSI cello, **Rory Onishi**, YSI horn will represent Hawaii in the National Symphony Orchestra's all expense-paid summer institute.

After participating in the Hawaii Contrabass Festival, CO bassist **Taylor Matsumura** won an all-expense paid scholarship to the George Vance Summer Festival in MD. Fellow CO bass player, **Alaina Sagarang**, won a private lessons scholarship.

Tyler Ramos, YSI cello, is a scholarship winner of the 54th annual Morning Music Club competition.

YSI violist **Samantha Neudorf** won the Hawaii Jr. Miss talent competition.

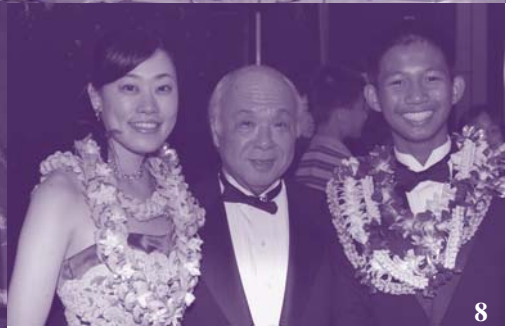
YSI flutist **Kathryn Murata** is the runner up in the National Karaoke Contest for Japanese Language Students and Teachers.

If you know of a HYS member deserving of kudos, call 941-9706 or email admin@HiYouthSymphony.org. 🎵

Celebrating a Community: Today We Play Dedicated to the Musicians of the Honolulu Symphony



Photos by Abel Rivera



1) Pianist Mari Abe, winner, International Piano Festival; 2) Pianist Tyler Ramos, winner, International Piano Festival and YSI cellist; 3) Mayor Mufi Hannemann gives Maestro Miyamura a City proclamation; 4) YSI Principal clarinetist Rolando Udarbe plays solo part in world premiere of Dr. Neil McKay's Ode to Aquarius; 5) Composer Jon Magnussen, HYS'86, applauds 178 performers of his world debut of Ke Ao; 6) Backstage with emcee Howard Dicus, HYS President Chris Yuen and Bernadette Dicus; 7) Kawehi Goto, Davin Pascual, Honey Aiu and Michael Pili Pang of Halau Hula Ka No'eau; 8) Mari Abe, Maestro Miyamura, Tyler Ramos



Notre Dame Hawaii Club Gives to HYS

Thanks to **JESSICA CHOI**, HYS08 cello, HYS will be receiving \$500 from the proceeds of University of Notre Dame's annual luau and country store. Jessica is the President of the Hawaii Club this year. Six hundred people turned out for its luau spectacular on March 27 which included food, song, dance and the aloha spirit from the islands. Mahalo nui loa na haumana o Notre Dame! 🎵

Celebrating a Community: Today We Play Post-Concert Celebration Reception



Photos by Carlene Toshi

1) Celebration cake by Melissa Char, HYS04, of Frosted; 2) HYS Director Keith Sakamoto, HYS69 oboe, Henry Miyamura, Lisa Sakamoto; 3) Mayumi Hara, HYS91 cello, Kasumi Hara, HYS95 oboe, Evan Mau; 4) Susan Ochi-Onishi, HYS80 oboe, Lynn Yanagihara Muramaru, HYS69 flute; Elton Masaki; 5) Lance Uchida, Laurie Shimabukuro HYS98 violin, Jonathan Lee HYS98 cello; 6) Dayna Furusawa, HYS05 cello, Mike Foumai, HYS05 violin, Aris Doike, HYS10 cello; 7) Valerie Ossipoff, President, Oahu Choral Society and Esther Yoo, Principal Chorus Conductor, Honolulu Symphony; 8) Toshi family: Carlene, Pam, HYS09 oboe, Barry, Alec HYS12 oboe; 9) Karen Kotani Fujimoto, HYS76, Honolulu Symphony cellist, Cheyne Fujimoto, HYS11 trumpet, Jeffrey Fujimoto, James Stanford, Honolulu Symphony violinist; 10) Jon Magnussen, HYS86 violin and Ryan Yanagihara HYS10 violin; 11) John Levas and Tim Leong, HYS73 violin, Honolulu Symphony violinist



Concert Orchestra performed at Windward Mall on February 28



Youth Symphony II and Concert Orchestra held their Spring Concert at the Pearl City Cultural Center on April 18.
Left: Donations for the Foodbank were collected at the concert
Right: Conductor Nakasone presenting his YSII orchestra

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HYS Aloha Concert Luncheon: May 16, Hilton Hawaiian Village Honoring MICHAEL NAKASONE Featuring GINAI and PIERRE GRILL



HYS's 2009-2010 season closer will be one to remember with performances by Youth Symphony I & II, and the enchanting and beautiful jazz vocalist **GINAI** with **Pierre Grill**. Ginai is one of Hawaii's foremost jazz entertainers and she and Pierre will strike a chord with everyone in the audience. Dancers from Isla Tango will also take the stage for this performance.

This blockbuster event is dedicated to **Conductor Nakasone** who will retire after this concert. To honor all his years of service to HYS and the community, Hawaii's jazz greats are taking part in his finale HYS performance, including **Gabe Baltazar**, saxophone; **Dean Taba**, bass; **Noel Okimoto**, drums; and **Dale Senaga**, keyboard.

HYS will also recognize 61 graduating seniors. This great afternoon of music includes a country store, luncheon and concert. This is not a fundraiser for HYS. It is a family day that recognizes the accomplishments of the past year, and the dedication of Hawaii's music community. Proceeds from the store help to defray costs for the event.

Donations of baked goods, jellies, jams, hand-made crafts or plants for the store are greatly appreciated.

Call HYS to find out how you can help.

Tickets for the Aloha Concert Luncheon are selling quickly. Please make your reservations soon. Individual seats are \$50, and includes lunch and the concert. Tables of 10 are \$450. Call the office at 941-9706 to make reservations or download a reservation form from www.HiYouthSymphony.org. See you there! ♪



HYS Commemorative 2009-2010 Yearbooks available. \$20. Call the HYS office, 941-9706, for your copy!

Hawaii Youth Symphony Wants YOU! Symphony Auditions: YSI, YSII & CO

If you know a student interested in playing in our statewide full-symphony orchestras, encourage them to audition for one of HYS's three symphonies. Auditions are open to students born in or before 1999, and are accepted for the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, bass, flute (piccolo), oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, harp and percussion. Auditions will be held May 22-23 and May 29-30 at the University of Hawaii Music Department. **Candidates must be pre-registered.** Regular applications due April 23; late applications accepted until May 6. For applications and audition music, visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org. We want to see YOU at auditions! Good luck and thanks for keeping the music playing! ♪

