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Last year, HYS received \$15,000 from Foodland's Give Aloha program. The funds went to supporting all seven of HYS's orchestras. Our gratitude goes to all those who gave at the registers and to Foodland and the Western Union Foundation for matching their generosity.

Call HYS at 941-9706 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support and for **giving your aloha!**



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## Hawaii Youth Symphony Newsletter



Hawaii Youth Symphony

# ...OF NOTE

A TRADITION OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Fall 2005

### SAVE THE DATE

**Concert String Orch. and String Orch. Ensemble Auditions**

Sun., Sept. 11  
Central Middle School

### HYS Open House

Sun., Sept. 18, 1:45-5:00 pm  
UH Music Department, Free

### Hawaii Stars Concert of Extraordinary Abilities

Sun., Oct. 2  
Hawaii Theatre  
YSI will perform during this televised competition

### He Makana O Na Mele

Featuring Ho'okena  
Sun., Oct. 30, 5:30 pm  
Hilton Hawaiian Village

### Youth Symphony II Concert

Sun., Nov. 6, 12:00 1:00 pm  
Kahala Mall, Free

### Concert Orchestra Concert

Sun., Nov. 20, 2:00-3:00 pm  
Windward Mall, Free

### Upper Orchestra Winter Concert: YSI, YSII, CO

Sun., Dec. 4, 4:00 pm  
Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall

### Listen & Learn Educational Concerts

Dec. 5, 6 & 13, Free for schools

### String Program Holiday Concert

Sun., Dec. 18, 4:00 pm  
Kaimuki High School

Program information at  
www.hiyouthsymphony.org  
or call 941-9706.

## Aloha Concert Luncheon: HYS bids aloha to 61 seniors and mahalo to Teruya Brothers, Limited

Cameras flashed, tears fell and flower leis were everywhere as 830 people filled the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom on May 22 for HYS's Aloha Concert Luncheon (ACL). An unprecedented 61 seniors from 21 schools were celebrated at the event.

This final concert of the 2004-2005 season featured the Youth Symphony I, under the direction of Henry Miyamura, and Youth Symphony II, under the direction of Michael Nakasone. Concert Orchestra Conductor Derrick Yamane made a guest appearance to lead Aloha 'Oe as each senior received a graduation plaque.

'Ale'a, the award-winning Hawaiian trio, brought a beautiful lyrical balance to the day.

ACL was also an opportunity

for HYS to recognize the outstanding contributions of four music teachers who have dedicated their lives and careers to music and youth: Roosevelt High School Band Director **Gregg Abe**, cello teacher and Honolulu Symphony cellist **Joanna Fleming**, flute teacher and former Symphony member **Jean Harling**, and retired educator and former Youth Symphony Conductor **Harold Higa**.

Senator **Carol Fukunaga** presented resolutions from the State Senate to HYS for 40 years of service to youth; and to Michael Thomas Foumai, YSI's associate concert master, for his

impressive orchestral compositions.

Proceeds from a silent auction and a critical sponsorship from **Teruya Brothers, Limited** helped to cover the costs for this day dedicated to HYS families. ♪



(above) Honorees: Gregg Abe, Jean Harling, Harold Higa, Joanna Fleming



(left) Henry Miyamura, Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Roy King, Jr.

Photos by Karl Hedberg Photographer

## Ho'okena Joins Youth Symphony Sunday, October 30, 5:30 pm, Hilton Hawaiian Village



The legendary Hawaiian group **Ho'okena** will join forces with the Youth Symphony I at the upcoming He Makana O Na Mele: The Gift of Music, a benefit, chaired by **Tina Lau**, for HYS. It is HYS's only fundraising event of the year and proceeds go directly to funding all seven orchestras for the 2005-2006 season. This benefit raises a significant percentage of the funds needed to close the gap between registration fees, which cover less than 20% of HYS's budget, and actual expenses to run the programs.

The evening will open with a reception and silent auction, chaired by HYS parent and volunteer **Vicky Chiu-Irion**, at 4:30, followed by a Hawaiian-style dinner buffet at 5:30, and the concert at 7:00. Tables for \$700 and individual seats, starting at \$75, are on sale now for this spectacular concert. Sponsorship tables with special benefits are also available. To make reservations or a donation to the silent auction, call the HYS office today at 941-9706. Come be a part of this extraordinary performance and help bring music education to Hawaii's youth. ♪

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## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear HYS Family,

The Hawaii Youth Symphony opens its 41<sup>st</sup> season with a modified name, an exhilarating season program, and a technology makeover. With nearly 300 students registered in our three symphony orchestras and another 100 preparing to join our String orchestra program, HYS is looking forward to one of its most progressive seasons ever.

To eliminate the enduring confusion between HYSA-Hawaii Youth Soccer Association, and HYSA-Hawaii Youth Symphony Association, the Board of Directors has taken the bold step of retiring the "A" from our name. The organization will now be known as HYS

(pronounced H-Y-S) or Hawaii Youth Symphony.

We know that changing a 40-year habit will not be easy, but we believe it is a critical step in effectively positioning HYS in the community.

Music Director Henry Miyamura is setting programming around a theme of uniting different cultures. He has entitled the season **Hands Across the Sea** and is commissioning new works that celebrate Hawaii's diversity and the amalgamation of cultures that make it unique. As usual, Mr. Miyamura has a few surprises in store that are sure to knock your socks off!

HYS is delighted to announce the appointment of Joan Doike as Conductor and Susan Ochi-Onishi as Associate Conductor of the Concert Orchestra while Derrick Yamane is on sabbatical. Ms. Doike has been a String conductor with HYS for more than a decade, and Ms. Ochi-Onishi is the Director of Bands at Kaimuki Middle School. They will bring an exciting team approach to this young symphony orchestra.

At the String orchestra level, HYS is pleased to report that Elton Masaki has accepted the position as Concert String Orchestra Conductor while Ms. Doike relocates her baton to the Upper Orchestra program. Mr. Masaki teaches at Mid-Pacific Institute and is the current president of the Hawaii chapter of the American String Teachers Association.

While the music staff prepares for a thrilling season, the administrative staff is creating its own programming, entitled Season Advancement. Thanks to the generosity of the **Robert E. Black Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation**, the **Atherton Family Foundation** and the **Cooke Foundation, Limited**, HYS will be executing plans for technology upgrades, development planning and new marketing initiatives. Expect to see some novel changes to our website in the next few months as we drive towards bringing HYS up-to-speed with modern technology. We're off to a great start and are truly looking forward to a magnificent year. Thank you for your support and confidence in what we do for Hawaii's youth.

Aloha,



Selena Ching



## In the Spotlight

A look at the **STARS** who make HYS shine

*HYS could not operate without the tireless efforts of a stellar, dedicated volunteer corps. In the Spotlight is a new column that will shine the light on our many volunteer stars.*



## Karl Hedberg

Photographer

By Judy Vierck

"What are the photos for?" These are the first words spoken by Karl Hedberg, HYS's volunteer photographer, who immediately zooms to the task at hand. Clarity and focus are key words to him.

It was a lucky day for HYS in December '02, when Karl brought his camera and tripod to photograph a nephew performing with YSII at Kahala Mall. "I walked away from there with chicken-skin, amazed at the talent of these students. The feeling never ceases."

Karl was quick to accept an invitation to present his work when HYS called. Since that concert, he has photographed almost every upper orchestra and string performance as a volunteer. "These young people inspire me to look for new photo angles. I especially love the expressions on the faces of students who really enjoy playing. I'm always cautious and reverent when I walk around the conductors and kids. They're creating beauty, and they give me a venue to be creative."

Hedberg believes that many of HYS's students will be performing artists and community leaders. It could be a plus for them to practice holding their focus when a working camera is around. The majority of remarkable photos found in HYS's publications and website are products of Karl's work.

Karl's profession as an aerial photographer often finds him miles high in the sky, working with a camera strapped to a helicopter. "God leads my life. Whenever we fly, there are problems. But, we always get usable footage. I picked up the camera in '61, and it's a gift." Karl's generous gifts to HYS are irreplaceable. Thank you, Karl! To see more work by Karl, visit [www.hedbergphoto.com](http://www.hedbergphoto.com).

## Kudos Korner

STEPHANIE OH, was 6th seat in the first violin section; DAYNA FURUSAWA, HYS '05, was 2nd seat cello and ALEX GOTAY, HYS '04, was 1st chair trumpet at the prestigious National Symphony Orchestra at Kennedy Center this summer. Not bad, considering they were among the best in the country!

KALEO HA'O was awarded the **Marjorie Tanoue Summer Program Scholarship** which he used to study at Interlochen. YOUNG KIM and KENNETH COLLINS were also at Interlochen in the top-level concert band. And KATHRYN SCHULMEISTER spent her summer at Tanglewood.

If you know of a HYS member who should be listed in the Kudos Korner, please contact HYS at 941-9706 or email [admin@hiyouthsymphony.org](mailto:admin@hiyouthsymphony.org).



A standing ovation for this year's **CONCERT PARENTS** who give up their time every Sunday to help our students and conductors at rehearsals and concerts. We couldn't do it without them!!

Youth Symphony I : **Kari Bailey** and **Lance Uchida**

Youth Symphony II: **Elsie Kawahara** and **Verna Chinen**

Concert Orchestra: **Debbie Arbaugh** and **Audrey Lee**

And a special mahalo to our fearless volunteer leader, **Les Murata**, HYS's Vice President of Operations, who is entering his 18th season with HYS. ♪

## Don't Miss This!

### HYS WINTER CONCERT

featuring

**YOUTH SYMPHONY I**  
under the direction of Henry Miyamura  
with special guests  
**Honolulu Symphony Chorus**  
under the direction of Dr. Karen Kennedy

**YOUTH SYMPHONY II**  
under the direction of Michael Nakasone

**CONCERT ORCHESTRA**  
under the direction of  
Joan Doike, Conductor  
Susan Ochi-Onishi, Associate Conductor

**Sunday, December 4, 2005**  
**4:00 pm**  
**Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall**

Reserved Seats: \$18 or \$15; \$8 for seniors 55+ and students, including college students with ID. Tickets available three weeks prior to performance through the Blaisdell Box Office or Ticketmaster, 1-877-750-4400

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## HYS Orchestra Families: Stay In Tune with HYS

Did you know that HYS issues **monthly bulletins, Taking Note**, to each of our orchestra members on the last Sunday of each month? These bulletins will keep you informed of what's happening, including upcoming schedule changes. Parents, please ask your children to see the bulletin every month.

HYS also posts weekly rehearsal schedules and updates on our website: [www.hiyouthsymphony.org](http://www.hiyouthsymphony.org) and on our outgoing message machine every Friday, 941-9706, ext. 3. ♪



Attention, Music Teachers!

**From The Top**, the Public Radio International program dedicated to America's outstanding pre-college-age classical musicians is returning to Hawaii for TWO live tapings on:

January 11, 2006 at Honolulu's Hawaii Theatre, and  
January 13, 2006 at Maui Arts and Cultural Center

If you have an outstanding student who fits the criteria, please encourage him or her to audition for this wonderful national public radio program!

Audition deadline for these tapings is November 1, 2005  
Audition materials at [www.fromthetop.org](http://www.fromthetop.org) or  
[www.hawaiipublicradio.org](http://www.hawaiipublicradio.org).

If you have questions, call Judy Neale at 955-8821.

From the Top is also awarding \$10,000 Jack Kent Cooke Young Artists grants for deserving musicians, ages 8-18, who show high levels of artistic achievement; demonstrated financial need; and a solid academic record. Application guidelines at: [www.fromthetop.org](http://www.fromthetop.org).

"I think the arts are perhaps singularly the most neglected part of our educational structure today. And there are some of us who really do believe that an education in the arts is not expendable. It's not extraneous. It's not extracurricular. It is essential. And without it, a student is not getting a full, complete, and total education."  
—Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee

## Heard it Through the Alum-Vine



HYS sent surveys to its alumni base asking how we could build an alumni network to benefit our graduates. We also asked how HYS affected our alums. Here's what a few of them had to say...

"HYS was the best musical experience of my life. Nothing could ever beat Youth Symphony. YS is as good as it gets."

"Met other people from the whole state that enjoyed playing music as much as I did. This created some friendships that lasted even until now."

"I would 100% recommend HYS to all students: advanced students will flourish with the challenge; undecided students will quickly be mesmerized by the experience."

"I learned discipline as well as music, and was introduced/exposed to things I would not have seen during my public school education."

"It gave me opportunities in music that no other group I've been in has been able to match."

"My experience greatly shaped my beliefs and standards of what a student orchestra should sound like. The professionalism of the directors and the help from the parents are top notch."

"It definitely helped me prepare for college."

"My few short years with HYS made all the difference because it planted a love of violin and orchestras, making music in my soul."

"Being a part of HYS was a tremendous experience because not only did it expose me to the culture of music, but it also instilled in me an appreciation for it, as well as discipline, and a sense of how many different elements can work together to create great things."

"I was a very quiet student, so I don't think I ever told Mr. M that he is one of my favorite teachers because he always encouraged me to be better. I hope I can do the same for my students. Thank you."

"Thank you for all you do to keep music alive and well in Hawaii!"

"Peter Mesrobian would be proud to see how far the Hawaii Youth Symphony has come."

"Thank you for teaching me to appreciate music."

If you are a HYS alum or know of any who would want to reconnect with HYS and other alum, please contact Abel Rivera, HYS Programs Manager and Alumni Coordinator, at arivera@hiyouthsymphony.org. We want to hear from you! ♪



### Hawaii Youth Symphony ALUMNI RECEPTION

Tuesday, September 13  
5:30-7:30 pm

Student performances: 6:30-6:45 pm

Waialae Country Club  
Honolulu, HI

For more information, call Abel Rivera 941-9706



## Musical Partners

With earned income (registration fees, instrument rentals, box office and merchandise sales, etc.) covering less than 30% of HYS expenses, we must look to partners in our community who believe in our mission and the work that we do to cover our costs. HYS is fortunate—and privileged—to benefit from the following generous community partners who have given significant resources since April 2005 to help our youth make wonderful music. Our deepest gratitude goes to the following musical partners:

**Robert E. Black Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation:** \$40,000 for organizational capacity building  
**Commercial Data Systems:** \$15,000 for 2005 Spring Concert Series sponsorship  
**ABC Stores:** \$10,000 for travel assistance for Neighbor Island students and financial aid  
**Cooke Foundation, Limited:** \$10,000 for capacity building  
**First Hawaiian Foundation:** \$10,000 for 2005 Winter Concert sponsorship  
**McInerny Foundation:** \$6,000 for financial aid  
**Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation:** \$5,000 for operations  
**Ian and Janet Cooke:** \$5,000 for operations  
**Teruya Brothers, Limited:** \$5,000 for 2005 Aloha Concert Luncheon sponsorship  
**Julia Temple Davis Brown Foundation:** \$3,000 for student music

Our deepest gratitude goes to these musical partners for their support of our young people. ♪

## Pacific Music Institute: Who Knew So Much Could Happen in One Week?!

One-hundred twenty-nine students between the ages of 12 and 18 (including some from Maui, Molokai and the Big Island), 21 clinicians (professional musicians, music teachers and educators, doctoral candidates), 4 student- and nearly 20 parent-volunteers occupied every nook and cranny of the Pearl City Cultural Center from July 21-27 for the 2005 Pacific Music Institute (PMI).

The result: An afternoon of sectional recitals; three evenings of free concerts by six different ensembles and friendships that will last far beyond one week's time.

PMI is an annual program that allows serious music students to spend entire days fully immersed in learning different forms of music. A typical day's schedule for a student may look like:

- 8:00-8:15 Check in and set up
- 8:15-10:00 Concert Band Rehearsal
- 10:15-11:45 Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-1:45 Sectional Rehearsal
- 1:50-3:00 Concert Band Rehearsal
- 3:15-4:30 Jazz Band Rehearsal

That same sample student could be learning up to 16 new pieces for multiple performances less than seven days later.

It actually seems like an impossible feat, given that the 129 participants have never all played together, in fact the majority met for the first time on the first day of PMI, and the range of musicianship was extremely diverse.

But concert-goers would have never known that the spectacular performances were the results of preparations that took place over such a short period of time. The level of achievement by every student who participated in PMI was very high.

One of the highlights of this year's PMI was the premier of a work by '05 HYS alumnus Michael Thomas Foumai who wrote a piece entitled *1945* for the Concert Band. The work references one of the most tumultuous years in world history and left the audience with "chicken-skin" as they gave the young composer an extended standing ovation.

A warm mahalo to **Gladys Hirano** for providing scholarships for students to attend this year's PMI. ♪



Emi Kawai, Conductors Henry Miyamura, Wayne Kawakami from Hilo and Lance Jo from Kula

## HYS Annual Open House, Meeting and Potluck Sunday, September 18

Everyone is invited to HYS's open house which includes tours of open rehearsals of all three Upper Orchestras, our annual meeting where you'll hear about highlights for the upcoming season, and a potluck for all to enjoy.

- 1:45-2:30 Families Check-in at UH, Orvis Auditorium
- 2:00-2:45 Tour of Open Rehearsals  
Youth Symphony I: UH Music Room 108  
Youth Symphony II: Education Lab  
Concert Orchestra: UH Music Room 36
- 3:00 Annual meeting for everyone, Orvis Aud.
- 3:45-5:00 Potluck for everyone, UH Music Dept. Courtyard

Beginning String participants are welcome to attend in lieu of rehearsal with prior notice to Mrs. Fukumoto

## Concert String Orchestra & String Orchestra Ensemble Auditions

Open to students 7 years and older with a minimum of two years of playing violin, viola, cello or string bass or with teacher recommendation. Auditions will take place on September 11 at Central Middle School. Candidates must be pre-registered and receive an audition time prior to the auditions. Call HYS at 941-9706 for more information.



## Maestro Miyamura Takes to the Airwaves September 15, 9:00 am, HPR 88.1

HYS Music Director Henry Miyamura will join Gene Schiller on *Morning Café* in celebration of Classical Music Month. Tune in!

# Highlights from Hawaii Youth Symphony's 2004-2005 40th Anniversary Season

Photos by Karl Hedberg, Photographer



He Makana O Na Mele benefit fundraiser, November 28, 2004, Hilton Hawaiian Village. Vicky Holt Takamine gave an opening chant; Jade Moon, emcee; Gabe Baltazar, Matt Love, Brandon Tucay, Dale Senaga; Kelly Boy of Kapena; members of the Youth Symphony I (YSI)



Winter Concert 2004: Celebrating 40 Years, December 5, Blaisdell Concert Hall. Angela Baraquio Grey, emcee; Concert Orchestra and Derrick Yamane; Youth Symphony II and Michael Nakasone; YSI bass section; Guest Artists Anna Lim, HYS '81, and Kurt Muroki, HYS '89. New works by composer Jon Magnuseen, HYS '86, were premiered. Sponsored by the First Hawaiian Foundation



String Program Holiday Concert, December 12, 2004, Kaimuki High School Auditorium. Concert included performances by Beginning Strings, Preparatory Strings, String Orchestra Ensemble and Concert String Orchestra



HYS held seven Listen & Learn educational concerts for more than 9,000 school children. Concerts included Guest Artists like Ken Tatafu; opportunities to conduct the orchestra, and instrument demonstrations

YSII and CO's Spring Concert, April 17, 2005, Pearl City Cultural Center. Noe Tanigawa, emcee; Kelsi Hirai, soloist; Guest Artist Michael Gohata, taiko; CO. Sponsored by Commercial Data Systems



Youth Symphony I Spring Concert, April 10, 2005, Blaisdell Concert Hall. 40 alumni were invited to join YSI on stage for the largest concert hall performance in Hawaii. Loren Lind, HYS '62, flutist, Guest Artist. Sponsored by Commercial Data Systems



Aloha Concert Luncheon, May 22, 2005, Hilton Hawaiian Village. Tanya Joaquin, emcee; Guest Artists 'Ale'a. Sponsored by Teruya Brothers, Limited