

Nina Kealiwahamana and The Honolulu Boy Choir join HYS for Aloha Concert Luncheon

Sunday, May 7, Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom



Hawaii Youth Symphony is honored to have some of Hawaii's finest vocal performers joining us for our 2006 Aloha Concert Luncheon on May 7. The gracious and beautiful Nina Kealiwahamana and the 40 young voices of The Honolulu Boy Choir will come together with our orchestras to bid aloha to our 43 graduating seniors and pay tribute to four music teachers who have had great impact on young musicians over the years. HYS is pleased to be honoring Richard Lum, regarded by some as Hawaii's father of bands, Moanalua High School's music director, Eldon Seta, Composer and UH Professor Emeritus Dr. Allen Trubitt, and Punahou School's Director of Orchestras Craig Young.

The afternoon of youthful music will include a silent auction, chaired by parent volunteer Vicky Chiu-Irion, a luncheon and what promises to be a very memorable concert. This is not a fundraiser for HYS. As the final concert of our 2005-2006 season, it is a family day that recognizes the accomplishments of the past year and the dedication of Hawaii's music community. Proceeds from the silent auction help to defray the cost for the event.

Tickets are \$40 per seat or \$380 for a table of 10. Call the HYS office today at 941-9706 or visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org to download an order form. Don't miss this program! 🎵



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A TRADITION OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Spring 2006

SAVE THE DATE

Youth Symphony II & Concert Orchestra Spring Concert

Sun., April 23, 4:00 pm
Pearl City Cultural Center

String Program Aloha Concert

Sun., April 30, 2:00 pm
Kaimuki High School Aud.

Aloha Concert Luncheon

with Nina Kealiwahamana and The Honolulu Boy Choir
Sun., May 7
10:30 am silent auction
11:30 am luncheon and concert
Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom

2006-2007 Season Auditions

For Youth Symphony I & II, Concert Orchestra
May 27-28, June 3-4
University of Hawaii Music Sch.

Summer Strings Program

For beginning and intermediate string players
June 13-July 14, M-F
Central Middle School

Pacific Music Institute

July 15-22
University of Hawaii and Pearl City Cultural Center
String Orchestra and Jazz Band Concert

Fri., July 21, 7:00 pm, FREE
Pearl City Cultural Center
Finale Concert
Sat., July 22, 7:00 pm, FREE
Pearl City Cultural Center

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

Celebrating Hawaii's Musical Artists

Thanks to John R. Halligan Charitable Fund, Dr. Arlene Skillman and Mayor's Office on Culture and the Arts

Two world premieres, an internationally acclaimed pianist and the return of 15 alumni from the '70s are a lot to fit into one concert, much less upon one stage. But Youth Symphony I, with Conductor Henry Miyamura, was able to do it all on April 9 at the Hawaii Theatre. And it was quite a celebration. The performance was the first part of HYS's Spring Concert Series (part two takes place on April 23 with Youth Symphony II and the Concert Orchestra), sponsored by the John R. Halligan Charitable Fund, Dr. Arlene Skillman and the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, City & County of Honolulu. CDs and DVDs of the concert are available, call 941-9706 or visit the store link at www.HiYouthSymphony.org to download an order form. 🎵



Top left: Performing alumni Dave Masunaga, sponsor Dr. Arlene Skillman, Ernestine (Ariyoshi) Spence, Jan (Taba) Ching and Elaine Imoto; Bottom left: Neil McKay, conductor Henry Miyamura, pianist Thomas Yee, composers Michael Foumai and Takeo Kudo; center: Guest artist Thomas Yee; right: Emcee and performing alumnus Danny Takamishi, Jr.

Musical Summer: Programs to beat the heat

HYS offers its **SUMMER STRING** program for keiki seven years and older. Instruction is available for students on the violin, viola, cello or bass. Instrument rentals are available. There are two daily classes scheduled Monday through Friday, **June 13-July 14:**

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

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



Classes are held at Central Middle School, Queen Emma Street and Vineyard Blvd. The fee for the five-week session is \$180. Send your child on a musical journey this summer. 🎵

For more information on HYS's summer programs, call 941-9706 or visit our website at www.HiYouthSymphony.org where you can also download registration forms.

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear HYS Family,

I want to take a moment to share how the Hawaii Youth Symphony is preparing itself for the challenges and the opportunities of a changing environment. Funding for the arts and education are continually in jeopardy and changes in contemporary music habits make it increasingly difficult to attract audiences for classical music. Independent programs like HYS must become more adept and creative about sustaining our programs to ensure that they remain affordable and accessible to any student who is interested in learning about music. In order to accomplish this we must build a community around our students, one that recognizes their efforts and achievements and supports not only their musicianship but their positive development into adulthood.

We cannot continue to provide high-quality music education (and all the benefits that result from it) without the help from an entire community. With the intention of building this community, HYS is collaborating with other organizations and reaching out to its alumni. The most recent Spring Concert by Youth Symphony I is a testament to the impact that HYS has on the lives of its students.

Nearly 20 alumni returned to perform with our current students on April 9. Several of the alums picked up their instruments for the first time in decades. It was a wonderful chance for our YSI students to see community members who still embrace the love for music and performance, no matter where life-after-HYS may have taken them. It is a mentoring opportunity for our alumni and a way for them to reconnect with old friends, and recapture what it means to be a young musician. Music is enduring. However, we need the help of our alumni to ensure that future generations can have the same meaningful experiences they received from participating in HYS.

For the first time ever, HYS will be performing on stage with the Honolulu Symphony. Mark your calendars to attend the Symphony's Youthful Energy Masterworks concerts on April 13 and 15, 2007. The concert will include a side-by-side performance of Sibelius's Finlandia. This collaboration with the Honolulu Symphony is vital. In order to survive, we both need a vibrant and growing audience that appreciates and supports classical music. I am confident this joint effort will strengthen the community we are building around our students.

We are pleased to be teaming up with The Honolulu Boy Choir which will be performing with Youth Symphony II at the Aloha Concert Luncheon on May 7. Many people have recently stepped forward to help the choir, and we are honored that their efforts to rebuild include a performance with HYS. It will be an extraordinary concert showcasing the talents of hundreds of Hawaii's young people. Please come out to support them.

As we tie-up another successful season, I thank all of our friends for your confidence in us and support for our students. Thank you for being a part of our community.

Aloha.


Selena Ching



In the Spotlight Parent Volunteer



Vicky Chiu-Irion

Vicky Chiu-Irion can outlast the Energizer bunny. As a parent volunteer, Vicky has chaired HYS's last two silent auctions, and, thankfully, shows no signs of quitting. Her expertise in resource-gathering and good 'ole strong-arming came at an important juncture for

HYS. She stepped up to the plate when HYS made the decision to bring the management of its events and silent auctions in-house. Vicky's boundless energy, great ideas and willingness to do anything and everything are irreplaceable.

Vicky's strong work ethic and commitment to service are evident in all facets of her life. She holds several degrees in math and economics, teaches in the UH system, and is a sales representative for a publisher. "I never aspired to be a teacher. They don't make enough money. But now I can't leave the field. My dad was a teacher, and now I understand why: Never a dull moment, every day filled with new challenges and opportunities to inspire and motivate. Teachers nurture people to make the best use of their talents. There's something to be learned from everything we do. My father, [the late accomplished violinist and UH professor Arthur Chiu] told me that the one thing he could give his children was education—something which can never be lost, stolen or forgotten." Vicky and her husband, George, are not only giving their children, Krysten and Ryan, good educations, they also tirelessly volunteer for the activities in which they participate. Thank you for all you do, Vicky! ♪

Kudos Korner

The Kudos Korner apologizes for inadvertently leaving out of its Winter '06 issue: **KATHLEEN CHAO**, cello, placed 2nd in the Hawaii Music Teachers Association's State High School String Competition last November.

ZOË MARTIN-DOIKE, violin, is the 2006 Music Teachers National Association's Senior String Performance first place national winner. And HYS cellist, **ANDREW RAMOS**, is the third place national winner in the 2006 MTNA's Junior Piano Performance Competition.

REN MARTIN-DOIKE took first place in BOTH flute and violin at the Oahu Arts Center's 2006 Mozart Festival.

ASIA DOIKE, violin, **ALEX HAYASHI**, oboe, and **MANDY NAKAMURA**, piano (also a HYS cellist), each won a \$1,000 scholarship from the Morning Music Club this past March.

Violinist **KARYNNA ASAO** performed on piano with the Honolulu Symphony in March as a winner of the Symphony's Concerto competition.

If you know of a HYS member who should be listed in the Kudos Korner, call 941-9706 or email admin@hiyouthsymphony.org. ♪



Youth Symphony I Travels to Valley Isle: outstanding performances with Uluwehi Guerrero and Maui dancers

Students from Youth Symphony I spent two full days on Maui, February 26-27, presenting three free concerts for Maui residents, visitors and school children. Reporting to the Aloha Airlines ticketing counter at the Honolulu Airport at 6:00 am Sunday morning, students were groggy but ready to fly. After landing in Kahului, the traveling band of 90 students and 17 adults met YSI students from Maui at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center for brunch and a three-hour rehearsal. A trip to the Maui Ocean Center provided a quick respite for the students before checking into the hotel and preparing for the evening's community concert with guest artist Uluwehi Guerrero, dancers from Hālau Hula Kauluokalā, and buyo dancer Lynn Araki. One concert-goer wrote into the Maui News: "It was a marvelous concert! We saw almost 100 talented, committed teenagers playing together in an orchestra that could match any adult group anywhere." The free evening concert was followed the next morning by two Listen & Learn educational concerts for nearly 2,000 Maui school children. HYS extends the warmest mahalo to the **YOKOUCHI FOUNDATION** and the **STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS** for making this all-expenses-paid tour possible. ♪



left: Lynn Araki dances to Uluwehi's *Nani Kamakura*; center: Adam Kam and Kaleo Ha'o, 6:00 am, Honolulu Airport; right: Henry Miyamura and Uluwehi Guerrero

HYS Auditions for Symphony Orchestras YSI, YSII, CO

If you know a student interested in playing in the state's best orchestras, encourage them to try out for one of HYS's three symphonies. Auditions are open to students born in or before 1995, 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 27-28 and June 3-4, at the University of Hawaii Music Department. Candidates must be pre-registered. Regular applications due April 28; late applications due May 15. For more information or to download an application and audition music, visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org. ♪

String Program Aloha Concert: May 30, 2:00 pm

Come and see where music begins when 120 students from nearly 60 schools in HYS's four string orchestras present their final concert for the season at the Kaimuki High School auditorium. Tickets available at the door: \$8 general, \$5 for students and seniors 55+ years. ♪



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Stand Partners

The Hawaii Youth Symphony is thankful for the following supporters since January 2006 who have taken a stand for music and our young people. **Mahalo!**

Atherton Family Foundation: \$12,000 for percussion instruments and technology equipment

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Frear Eleemosynary Trust: \$26,000 for capital improvements



Friday, June 16, 2006

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Get your tickets today! Call 941-9706 or download an order form at www.HiYouthSymphony.org. Thank you!

Mary D. and Walter F. Frear Eleemosynary Trust Funds Technology Advancements

HYS is deeply grateful for a recent \$26,000 grant from the Frear Eleemosynary Trust to complete office renovations and increase technology capacity. The funds will go towards purchasing a conference table and chairs, new computers, a copier to replace one that is nearly 15 years old, a voicemail system and other office equipment to exchange for outdated and deteriorating machinery. With the improved technology, HYS will have the infrastructure necessary to take it into the next decade. This Trust has been a staunch supporter of HYS for more than two decades. ♪



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