



Hawaii Youth Symphony

Hawaii Youth Symphony Association

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A TRADITION OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Winter 2005

SAVE THE DATE

Concert Orchestra Concert

Sun., March 6, 2:00 p.m.
Windward Mall

Youth Symphony I MAUI TOUR

Free Public Concert

Sun., March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Maui Arts & Culture Center

Listen & Learn School Concert

Mon., March 14, 10:00 a.m.
Baldwin High School

Youth Symphony II Concert

Sun., March 20, 2:00 p.m.
Windward Mall

Flute Master Class

With Loren Lind of the Philadelphia Orchestra
Thurs., April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Symphony I Spring Concert

Sun., April 10, 3:00 p.m.
Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall

Youth Symphony II & Concert Orchestra Spring Concert

Sun., April 17, 4:00 p.m.
Pearl City Cultural Center

String Program Aloha Concert

Sun., May 1, 1:00 p.m.
Kaimuki High School

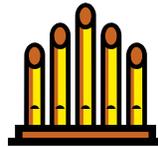
Aloha Concert Luncheon

Sun., May 22, 10:30 a.m.
Hilton Hawaiian Village

HYSA Stages Unprecedented Concert

Thanks to Mark Wong and CDS, HYSA to produce Hawaii's largest instrumental concert hall performance

April 10, 2005 will be a day to remember. In commemoration of HYSA's 40th anniversary, Music Director Henry Miyamura will invite 40 alumni to perform with his current 93-member orchestra to create the largest instrumental performance in a Hawaii concert hall. Organist **Mark Wong** will join the grand performance of Richard Strauss' "Festliches Praeludium," a powerful and complex piece traditionally played for dedications of great concert halls. "I think it's the perfect



piece for this concert which celebrates HYSA's 40th birthday," says Miyamura.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from **Commercial Data Systems**, this concert, entitled *Past Present Future* will highlight the talents of HYSA's musicians over time.

Alumnus **Loren Lind**, '62, a flutist for the Philadelphia Orchestra will be a featured guest.

HYSA will premiere a new work by its own **Michael-Thomas Foumai**, '05, a senior at Roosevelt High School. Michael, a self-taught composer, wrote his full-symphonic orchestration, "Bicycle Ride: A Sym-

phonic Tone Poem" at the age of 16.

This promises to be a memorable experience for concert-goers. HYSA is proud to have a lasting impact on the young musicians who enroll in its programs. The April concert will not only be a gathering of alumni but will showcase the extraordinary musical talent across Hawaii and the generations. 

A limited number of complimentary tickets will be available for **alumni** who want to reconnect with HYSA. Tickets include the concert and a reunion reception. Call HYSA, 941-9706, for information.

Alumni Challenge

Alumni Fund Created from Estate of Jonathan Y. C. Ching, '68

The late Jonathan Ching, a violinist and a successful emergency doctor in Los Angeles designated HYSA as a beneficiary of his estate, as a testament to his love of music and the early appreciation for the art which he gained as a member of the Youth Symphony. His thoughtful gift will be used to start a special alumni endowment fund. The family of Dr. Ching is putting a call out to other Youth Symphony alumni to follow Jonathan's lead and contribute to this fund to ensure that the quality musical training that they received while with the Youth Symphony is preserved for future generations of young musicians.

Gifts to the fund will be endowed or preserved in perpetuity. HYSA will use only the interest generated from the principal to pay for special initiatives, determined by a committee that will include alumni members. For more information or to make a contribution to this fund, please call Selena Ching at (808) 941-9706. 



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear HYSA Family,

It is with a great sense of amazement that I look back upon my first semester with HYSA. My initial five months with HYSA have been an enjoyable whirlwind. Thanks to the expertise of a highly trained and dedicated music staff, and committed students and parents, the level of accomplishment reached by each of our orchestras this past term has been nothing short of remarkable. We look to our spring term with much anticipation to see how our students will build upon the skills gained during the first half of the season.

With 12 concerts by our seven orchestras under our belts for the 2004-2005 season, we have been moving at a rapid clip. I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, parents and families who have lent much personal time and effort to our achievements.

The theme of this commemorative 40th anniversary season is **Past Present Future**. We cannot ignore the growing strength of this organization over the decades. Forty years ago, there were 80 members in one orchestra and the office was a P. O. box. Today, we support seven orchestras, serve more than 600 students each year, and are in a new 1,800 square-foot office.

We have a proud past and we are making concerted efforts to find our alumni who have helped us build this legacy. If you are or know of any HYSA alumni, please contact our offices and let us know where you are and what you're doing. To be a truly successful organization we must not only remember and understand our past, we must build upon it. Our history is rich, our present is bright and our future is very promising. Thank you to our donors and supporters who have brought us to this point and will take us even further, and to our students and families who commit themselves to music. We wish you a safe, healthy and hopeful new year.

Aloha,



Selena Ching

Giving to HYSA

If you'd like to help HYSA continue its tradition of musical excellence, call (808)941-9706 or send a check made payable to:

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HYSA Welcomes New Board Member Jill Shimokawa Higa



Photo by Karl Hedberg Photographer

The Hawaii Youth Symphony Association unanimously elected Jill F. Shimokawa Higa, Bank of Hawaii Senior Vice President, to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting in September 2004.

"Jill brings a wealth of business experience to HYSA, and her enthusiasm and energy for our mission and young musicians are indisputable. We are delighted to have her as part of our family," declared President Roy E. King, Jr.

Higa has spent her career in the financial services industry where she is a 13-year veteran of the Bank of Hawaii. As Division Sales Manager, she is responsible for the Hawaii Branch Division's sales strategies, management practices and sales force activities. She also oversees the Training and Support Department. Higa has also worked for H.F. Ahmanson & Co. Home Savings of America in Irwindale, CA. A graduate of Pearl City High School, she is an accomplished pianist. ♪



HYSA is one of three beneficiaries of the **Louis Vuitton Golf Cup 2005 Hawaii Charity Tournament**. Nearly \$39,000 of tournament proceeds will sponsor a Maui tour where YSI will perform a free concert at the Maui Arts and

Culture Center on March 13 and a Listen & Learn school concert at Baldwin High School on March 14. Pictured above are Kyojiro Hata, President & CEO LVMH Fashion Group Hawaii; Michael W. Perry, Chair, REHAB Foundation; Roy E. King, Jr., President, HYSA; Louise King Lanzilotti, Managing Director, Honolulu Theatre for Youth; Roger Finnie, Executive Vice President and COO LVMH Fashion Group Hawaii.

Kudos Korner



Bassoonist **JAMES PERLMAN** from Maui, pianist and violinist **YOHUKE ROY MIYAMOTO** and cellist **DAYNA FURUSAWA** will be featured on the **February 26**, 10 a.m., broadcast of *From the Top*, a national radio show on HPR's 88.1.

MATT LOVE has been tapped by the **Honolulu Symphony Orchestra** to be an alternate string bass musician.

RYAN TSUKAMOTO, violin, was one of eight winners of the **Honolulu Symphony's Hawaii Youth Concerto Competition** and will perform with the Symphony on March 12. **MORGANNE AABERG**, violin, **ALYSE HASHI**, flute, and **MAKI HATTORI**, horn, won honorable mention awards.

ASIA DOIKE will represent Hawaii in the regional competition of the **Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)** in Long Beach at the end of January. ♪

Atherton Family Foundation Grants \$12,000

The Atherton Family Foundation recently allocated two generous grants to HYSA, totaling \$12,000. \$10,000 will help HYSA build a fund development program to increase its donor base and alumni programs. \$2,000 will go towards technology upgrades to improve network back-up systems. HYSA is grateful for the Atherton Family Foundation which is helping HYSA increase its capacity and become more self-sufficient. ♪

Mary D. and Walter F. Frear Eleemosynary Trust Gives Aid

The Frear Eleemosynary Trust distributed \$3,515 to HYSA for financial aid to help students pay for registration fees, private lessons and instrument rentals. This trust has supported HYSA's financial aid program for two decades, helping to give students musical opportunities that may have otherwise been unattainable. ♪

Foodland Gives A Lot of Aloha

Thanks to HYSA's generous donors and Foodland's new partnership with the Western Union Foundation, this year's Give Aloha matching campaign raised \$15,000 for HYSA. More than \$10,000 of that was given by HYSA supporters to be matched by Foodland. Thanks to everyone who cashed in at the regis-

Na Mele Benefit Nets \$35,000

HYSA's 2004 *He Makana O Na Mele: The Gift of Music* fundraiser was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on November 28. More than 600 guests attended the silent auction, dinner and concert, raising \$35,000 for this year's programs.



The concert opened with a summoning chant by Kumu Hula Vicky Holt Takamine, followed by a haunting rendition of "Nohili E" by the string section of Youth Symphony I which surrounded the audience in a melodic circle.

Musical artists **Gabe Baltazar** and **Kapena** gave the audience reason to smile and tap their feet while they played with YSI. Emcee **Jade Moon** kept the program flowing smoothly. Thanks to the support of all our sponsors and guests, and especially to the **Hilton Hawaiian Village**, for creating a wonderful family evening of good food and enchanting music. ♪

Winter Concert Brings Chills

The high caliber of talent that filled the NBC Concert Hall on December 5 was overwhelming. The concert kicked off HYSA's 40th anniversary season with splendor. All three of HYSA's advanced orchestras performed, bringing out all their strong suits.

The highlight of the afternoon was a dueling duet featuring guest artists and HYSA alumni **Kurt Muroki**, '89 on string bass and **Anna Lim**, '81 on violin. These two professional musicians from the East Coast brought a level of musicality rarely seen in Hawaii and chills of excitement to the audience. The orchestras also performed new, innovative fanfares by composer **Jon Magnussen**, '86.



This spectacular concert was emceed by former Miss America **Angela Baraquio Grey** and was made possible through the generous sponsorship of the **First Hawaiian Foundation**. ♪

8,500 Oahu Students Listen & Learn



December was a busy month for HYSA. In addition to its Upper Orchestras and String Program Winter Concerts, it held six, free Listen & Learn Concerts for elementary school-aged students throughout Oahu. Four morning concerts were held at NBC on December 6 and 7 and two on the 10th at Pearl City Cultural Center. Fifty-five public, private, charter and home schools attended these educational performances, the state's only orchestral concerts for students by students. Concerts include introductions to instruments, audience behavior, conducting opportunities and sing-a-longs. ♪

Simply Extraordinary

Youth Symphony II performed for the 2004 Hawaii Stars Concert of Extraordinary Abilities in November. The show was broadcast on Thanksgiving and Christmas. YSII accompanied past winner and blind musician Chris Cerna and entertainer Brother Noland. ♪



HYSA will post weekly updates on rehearsal/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.



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Hawaii Youth Symphony Movin' On

HYSA Moves Down the Hall

After months of planning and excitement, HYSA opened the new year in a freshly renovated office, steps away from the suite it called home for 15 years. The phone, and fax numbers, email and street addresses remain unchanged. The only difference is the last digit of our suite number which changes from 201 to 200. Access and parking for our new suite are also unaffected.

Thanks to the support of very generous donors, HYSA will gain 30% more space. All our instrument storage and our administrative offices will finally be in one suite. We have also gained a small conference room and office space for each of our staff members. A blessing for our new offices will be planned for March. ♪

ADDRESS CHANGE

HYSA has a **NEW SUITE** number

Old 201

New 200

Please update your files and visit our new home.
 You won't believe how much we've changed!

Macy's Shopping for HYSA



HYSA will once again participate in Macy's **Community Shopping Day** on **March 31, 2005**. HYSA will sell tickets which entitle the bearer to exclusive 15-20% discounts on almost everything at Macy's. The Ala Moana store is planning a full day of events, entertainment and promotional gift give-aways. Customers could win a \$500 shopping spree. Tickets are \$10 and will be available through the HYSA office. HYSA retains 100% of the ticket proceeds. Please call 941-9706. Mahalo. ♪

