



He Makana O Na Mele: The Gift of Music

Celebrating 55 Years of Music Education

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GALA FUNDRAISER FOR HAWAII YOUTH SYMPHONY

Featuring Youth Symphony I, Maestro Joseph Stepec,
and Special Appearance by Jake Shimabukuro

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 • 4:30 PM

Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom



55 YEARS! Proudly presented by ALTRES, INC.





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Please share in our commitment of making music a right, not a privilege, at our 55th birthday celebration and gala fundraiser.

Join over a hundred of Hawaii's top high school musicians with Maestro Joseph Stepec—HYS' newly appointed Director of Orchestral Activities & Artistic Director of the Pacific Music Institute—as we light up the night with the joy of music! An appearance by Jake Shimabukuro, internationally celebrated musician and new member of the HYS Board of Directors, completes the icing on the cake of an unforgettable evening.

About Hawaii Youth Symphony

Established as a non-profit organization in 1964, Hawaii Youth Symphony inspires hundreds of young musicians across the Hawaiian Islands to pursue their goals and continues to share the universal joy of music with nearly 20,000 concertgoers statewide. More than 700 students ages 7-18 currently participate in HYS music-making programs, spanning general music, string, jazz, and band classes, summer intensives, neighbor island initiatives and symphony orchestras. Youth Symphony I, the most advanced of HYS' seven orchestras, is one of the finest youth orchestras in the country.

Making music a right, not a privilege, is a powerful component of the HYS vision to further expand music education to all— from supporting under-resourced community programs and inspiring more local communities, to attracting students from across the globe.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

4:30 p.m.

Silent Auction, Cocktails, & Music by HYS Jazz

5:30 p.m.

Hawaiian-Style Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Concert by Youth Symphony I, Joe, & Jake!

Please kindly send your RSVP by October 27, 2019 to HYS,
or reserve your seats online at HiYouthSymphony.org/NaMele



Special Guest: Jake Shimabukuro

Jake Shimabukuro's wholly unique approach to the ukulele started early. As a youngster growing up in Honolulu, Shimabukuro started playing the instrument at the age of four, learning the basics from his mother, Carol, and then developing his craft further by studying the likes of musical masters such as Eddie Kamae, Ohta-San and Peter Moon. As he matured, Shimabukuro also found inspiration from guitar players, drummers, pianists, and singers. Even athletes helped fuel his artistic fire.



Shimabukuro's records have topped the Billboard World Music Charts on numerous occasions, and as a live performer he has become one of the hottest tickets around. He's played at prestigious venues such as the Hollywood Bowl, Lincoln Center and the Sydney Opera House, and has dazzled audiences at festivals including Bonnaroo and SXSW. He even performed for that rarest of audiences: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Not too shabby for a humble young man from Hawaii and his trusty ukulele.

Along with his professional achievements, Shimabukuro's personal life is filled with riches: He's a loving husband and proud father of two boys. He also remains firmly rooted in his commitment to community, frequently performing at schools in Hawaii and overseas, urging youngsters to find their passion and live drug-free.

Mahalo Nui Loa

At HYS, we strive to provide music education of the highest level to all students. The proceeds raised at Nā Mele benefit every HYS program, and with your generosity, you will help us achieve our mission: to develop youth to their fullest potential, through orchestral music.

As we light the candles for our 55th Season and the bright future ahead for HYS, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Because of you, we can ensure that the important work of HYS continues in the lives of our students and throughout our community.