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Hawaii Youth Symphony

Where Hawaii's youth make exceptional music together

HYS 2010-2011 Year-End Snapshot

A quick look at how HYS did last season.

Students

Served: 727

Ages: 5-18 years

From # schools: 112

Concerts

Produced: 23

Total Audiences: 21,120

Listen & Learn Educational Concerts

13,115 students and teachers registered for 10 concerts on Oahu and Maui

Guests Artists Who Performed with HYS students

Willie K, Makaha Sons, Aloha International Piano Festival winners, Honolulu Symphony Chorus, Punahou School Chorus, Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus, Honolulu Chamber Choir, Iggy Jang (violin), Lisa Nakamichi (piano), Todd Yukumoto (saxophone)

Fundraising

Foundations: \$218,260 Government: \$97,629

Individuals: \$147,697 Corporations: \$30,290

Financial Assistance Program

Students who received awards: 79 # Awards distributed: 150 (for registration fees, instrument rentals, private lessons, and travel)

Staff/Contractors

Administrative: 3.75 full-time equivalents

Music: 20 clinicians 19 Coaches 8 Audition Judges 9 conductors/teachers

PMI: New Band Brand, July 16-23

The 23rd Pacific Music Institute was a band-only program this year, focussing on leveraging the skills and growing the talents of woodwind, brass and percussion students. Under the direction of Grant Okamura, 88 students from 25 schools on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Big Island, California and Arizona attended the music immersion program

with 18 PMI faculty members from the UH-Manoa, Honolulu Symphony, Royal Hawaiian Band, school band programs and private studios. 🎵



top lt: PMI jazz band;
top rt: Jazz Band director Todd Yukumoto and percussionist;
bot lt: flute section, Lynn Muramaru, clinician;
bot rt: Clinician Derek Fujio and the Fujio Ensemble



SAVE THESE DATES

Youth Symphony II Community Concert

Sun., October 23, 11:30 am

Kapiolani Park Bandstand, FREE

He Makana O Na Mele Fundraiser Swingin' with Willie... and all that JAZZ

featuring Youth Symphony I with

WILLIE K, Noel Okimoto, Dean Taba, Ginai

Sun., November 20, 5:30 pm

Hilton Hawaiian Village

Call 941-9706 or visit HYS website for an order form to make a reservation.

Listen & Learn School Concerts

December 2, 5 & 12

Sold Out! Blaisdell Concert Hall and Pearl City Cultural Center, FREE

Symphony Program Winter Concert

Sun., December 4, 4:00 pm

Blaisdell Concert Hall

\$10 gen admission; \$5 students/seniors 60+

HYS Academy Winter Concert

Sat., December 10, 1:00 pm

Kaimuki High School Aud., FREE

Youth Symphony I Big Island Tour

Community Concert

Mon., February 20, 7:00 pm

Kahilu Theatre, FREE

Listen & Learn School Concerts

Tues., February 21, Kahilu Theatre, FREE

Youth Symphony II Concert

with Hawai'i Youth Opera Chorus

Sat., February 25, 6:00 pm

Kawaiaha'o Church, FREE

More info. at www.HiYouthSymphony.org
(808)941-9706



HYS programs are supported by the City & County of Honolulu and the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, through appropriations from the Hawaii State Legislature.

Executive Director's Message

Dear HYS Friend,

HYS opens its 47th season having served nearly 150 students over the summer and registering more than 450 in our school-year programs. Additionally, we enrolled 40 new parents who are participating as students with their children in our free Music4Kids program. Their teacher, **Joy Waikoloa**, is running at-capacity general music classes with integrated parent/child learning. With moms and dads involved, there's lots to learn no matter what age bucket you fall into.

It's no secret this economy keeps taking swings at our nonprofit sector. I am unsure whether it's our worn-down condition or the blows are packing more power but survival in this economy is taking its toll on HYS. We are genuinely grateful to our supporters who continue to give what they can to ensure the vitality of our music community, particularly our young musicians. We also understand the cutbacks and reservations about giving during such uncertain times. But we have a commitment to our students to provide the best music education possible and we will do all we can to fulfill it. Now more than ever, we need your help and will be diligent about asking for it. The will of many will get us through these challenging times, and we thank you, in advance, for your patience and support.

A perfect opportunity to help HYS and enjoy an unique and spectacular show will be attending our only fundraising concert on November 20 at the Hilton where **Willie K** will be turning it up for an evening of high-energy jazz entertainment with some of the finest jazzies in the industry: drummer **Noel Okimoto**, bassist **Dean Taba**, HYS81, and vocalist **Ginai**. All this phenomenal talent on stage with **Henry Miyamura's** YSI will be something you cannot miss. Call HYS for tickets.

We filled 12,000 seats in six days for our free Listen & Learn concerts. Mahalo to the DOE for endorsing these concerts and to HYS Education Consultant **Ruth Komatsu** who creates the concert materials to meet arts education standards.

If you haven't been there yet, visit our new website launched September 1. Beautifully re-designed by **Leslie Tagorda**, HYS92, there's more functionality and information than before. Leslie has her own web design business, FLAIR-Designs in San Francisco. We're especially pleased to be housing one of the most comprehensive portals to Hawaii's orchestral music world. Check out *Legato Links* which will take you to schools with orchestra programs, retailers and repair stores, performing groups, private teachers and cool musicians. We've gotten great feedback, let us know what you think.

Mahalo for your interest and support of HYS. We hope you find the returns well worth your investment.

Aloha,


Selena Ching

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In the Spotlight

Highlighting HYS's Star Volunteers

New Board Members

HYS welcomes two new board members who have already shown great commitment to HYS. President Chris Yuen says, "HYS is pleased to have both Malcolm and Patti join our team. Patti is a seasoned fund raiser and has worked with the former Honolulu Symphony. Malcolm is a skilled musician and a thorough strategist. They both bring strengths to our board that we will be able to tap and use to advance our mission. This is a very exciting time for us."

MALCOLM LAU

Malcolm is Senior Vice President and Market Manager for the Business Banking Division at Bank of Hawaii. He is responsible for leading and managing the Oahu Market Business Banking strategic planning, administration, sales, servicing, and profitability for Business Banking Centers in Downtown Honolulu, Pearlridge, Ala Moana, and Waiialae-Kahala. He plays several instruments, among them the ukulele and guitar, and is also a talented magician.



PATTI LOOK

Patti is principal of the FundDevelopment Group, a consulting practice which she founded in 1997. The FundDevelopment Group provides services to a variety of not-for-profit organizations with emphasis on fund development programs and strategies, capital campaigns and event planning. In her spare time, Patti enjoys spending time in the kitchen cooking with her family. 🎵

Bravo!

THANK YOU to our 2011-2012 CONCERT PARENTS who make our rehearsals and concerts possible. They are all veterans who have our utmost adoration for sticking with us and working so hard every year. Endless standing ovations are extended to:

Concert Orchestra: **MELANIE UCHIDA** and **GARY TODOKI**

Youth Symphony II: **JOANNE HANAGAMI, KAREN FUJIMOTO, DEREK LOUI** and **ROBERT YOUNG**

Youth Symphony I: **LANCE UCHIDA** and **JIM ARAKI**

And for setting the longevity volunteer example, we thank our indispensable, 20+++-year volunteer chief, **LES MURATA**, HYS's Vice President, for leading the way with his incredible work ethic and constant advocacy for our young musicians. 🎵

Write Cause It's Right!

HYS is launching its 4th annual **Essay Contest** and we're looking for what YOU have to say! Our students have a lot to say about music both inside and outside the rehearsal halls. We want your ideas about music and its power within our communities. We'll even pay you more than a penny for your thoughts! Cash prizes, ranging from \$30-\$150, and opportunities to publish your writing are all part of the contest.

Essays will be accepted in three categories:


Division III, grades 2-6 (1st place: \$50; 2nd place: \$30)

Division II, grades 7-9 (1st place: \$80; 2nd place: \$60)

Division I, grades 10-12 (1st place: \$150; 2nd place: \$100).




Contest deadline is October 28, 2011. Winners will be selected by Thanksgiving and prizes distributed in time for holiday shopping. Winning essays will be published partly or entirely in HYS's newsletters. Last year, essay passages were read on the radio during a *Business of the Arts* program. People want to hear what you have to say so get crackin'! For

essay topics and more information, go to the *student* tab at HYS's new website www.HiYouthSymphony.org. Good luck! 

Did You Know???

According to a study by neurologist Frank Wilson, **when a musician plays or sings, s/he uses approximately 90% of the brain.** Wilson could find no other activity that uses the brain (both right and left hemispheres) to this extent. Music connects and develops the motor systems of the brain in a way that cannot be done by other activities. (*Accent on Music* by Greta Pedersen and www.schoolmusictoday.com) 




The Aloha Concert closed HYS's 46th season on May 8 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Youth Symphony I & II performed with the Honolulu Chamber Choir (top photo). A graduation ceremony for 47 seniors from 16 schools concluded the event (bottom photo). 

NOTEworthy Challenge

HYS is deeply grateful to the **George Mason Fund at the Hawai'i Community Foundation** for extending its most recent challenge grant. If HYS can raise \$20,000, the Fund will match each dollar Donations made to HYS at any Foodland or SackNSave during the month of September will be double matched by Foodland and the Western Union Foundation AND the Mason Fund. This is a fantastic opportunity for HYS and we are appealing to all our supporters to help us meet this challenge. Well-needed gifts can be given through our website, mailed to HYS or called into the office at 941-9706.


George Mason, former publisher of Pacific Business News, was, with his wife, Dot, an ardent supporter of the arts in Hawaii. They recognized the importance of music to future generations, shown through their personal commitments to arts, culture and education.

HYS owes a great debt to **Dot Mason** for recognizing the value of our programs and the potential of our students, and for making this challenge grant possible. Mahalo! 

Flyin' High for HYS

Book your next Hawaiian Airlines trip through www.HiYouthSymphony.org or HawaiianAir.com/Affiliate using HYSYMPHONY as a code, and you could get additional discounts off the lowest available web fares AND earn miles for HYS while you continue to earn your flight credits. It's a win for everyone! Click the Hawaiian Air portal at our HYS website (which leads you to the familiar Hawaiian Air site but gives HYS credit) and you'll be giving HYS one Hawaiian mile for every dollar you spend. An additional 5% discount on transpacific flights and access to other promotional offers also available by using this Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate program with HYS. Happy trails! 

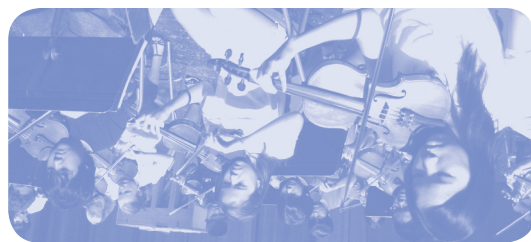


In lieu of ticket fees for its Youth Symphony II/Concert Orchestra and HYS Academy Spring Concerts, HYS asked concert-goers to bring canned food donations for our neighbors in need. From the two concerts on April 17 and 23, HYS collected 1,430 pounds of food and \$156 for the Hawaii Foodbank. The effort was part of the 2011 Orchestras Feeding America national food drive. Mahalo to all who helped. 

Pictured above are HYS Vice President Les Murata, volunteers Valerie Look, Malia Ching, Lynn Muramaru and Admin & Finance Manager Meredith Prescott

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Swingin' with Willie K... And All That Jazz

Willie K • Noel Okimoto • Dean Taba • Ginai • Youth Symphony I

Sunday, November 20, 2011 Hilton Hawaiian Village
Silent Auction 4:30 pm Dinner & Concert 5:30 pm

Seats for this Hawaii Youth Symphony benefit concert start at \$100 and include a lavish Hawaiian-style dinner and this blockbuster concert. Proceeds support ALL of HYS's programs. Call 941-9706 or visit www.HiYouthSymphony.org to make your reservation.



Donations of new auction items and baked goods, jellies, jams, hand-made crafts or plants (all packaged for sale) for our silent auction and More-in-Store are greatly appreciated. Mahalo to Silent Auction chairs VICKY CHIU-IRION and JIM ARAKI. Call HYS at

941-9706 to see how you can help raise critically-needed funds for music and our youth. Thank you.

Symphony Program Winter Concert

Sunday, December 4, 2011, 4:00 pm

Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall

Youth Symphony I
Henry Miyamura, Conductor

Youth Symphony II
Derrick Yamane, Conductor

Concert Orchestra
Susan Ochi-Onishi, Conductor
Hannah Watanabe, Asso. Conductor

\$10 General admission; \$5 students/seniors 60+

This concert is made possible by support from



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