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## Symphony Program Auditions

**May 21-22 and May 28-29**

Audition music and applications for our full Symphony Program are available at our website for students born in or before 2000. We're looking for students who play the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, harp and percussion. Candidates must be pre-registered and applications are due on April 22; late applications accepted until May 5. We hope you'll join us and good luck. 🎵

**2011 Pacific Music Institute**  
for wind and percussion students  
July 16-23, University of Hawaii

This year's PMI will focus on creating intensive musical learning experiences for woodwind, brass and percussion students. It will offer opportunities to play in wind ensemble, concert band, jazz band, sectionals, and chamber groups. Under the direction of Grant Okamura, PMI is open to students in grades 8-12 with at least two years experience on their instrument. For clinician listing, scheduling and an application, please visit our website. 🎵

**Summer Strings**  
Musical fun for beginning and intermediate players  
June 13-July 15, St. Andrew's Priory School

HYS Academy's Summer Strings program is for students eight years and older. Instruction for students on the violin, viola, cello or bass by Chad Uyehara. Two classes are scheduled Monday through Friday. Beginning Class for students with no experience from 1:30-2:30 pm and Intermediate Class for students with one year experience from 3:00-4:00 pm. Cost is \$195 and affordable instrument rentals are available. This is a great exploration into string music for your child. 🎵

## Aloha Concert Luncheon: Music and Moms May 8, Hilton Hawaiian Village

HYS's 2010-2011 season closer is coming up quickly. This year, we honor our mothers and have asked the Honolulu Chamber Choir to join us for a heartwarming day of music and celebration. You can expect striking performances by Youth Symphonies I and II. We will also bid a fond farewell to 47 graduates. Please join us for this family day on Sunday, May 8, at Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom:  
10:30 am More-in-Store Opens  
11:30 am Lunch Service Begins  
The concert will follow lunch and end at approximately 2:30 pm. Individual seats are \$50 and include lunch and the concert. Tables of 10 are \$450 and receive priority seating. Call HYS, 941-9706, to make a reservation or download an order form from our website. Spend your Mother's Day with HYS, great music, family and friends. 🎵

*Donations of baked goods, jellies, jams, hand-made crafts or plants for More-in-Store are greatly appreciated and help to defray costs for the Aloha Concert Luncheon. Please call HYS to see how you can help. Mahalo.*



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exceptional music together*

## Benefit Concert for Japan Raises \$19,367

At the request of HYS students, HYS shifted its original Youth Symphony I Collaborative Collage concert to a Benefit Concert for Aloha for Japan/American Red Cross. More than 1,700 people filled Blaisdell Concert Hall on April 10 to be a part of this event. \$19,367.20 was collected at the concert and it will all be turned over to the American Red Cross for rebuilding efforts in Japan. Mahalo to Japan Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo and Lisa Nakamichi who both spoke about the tragedies caused by the March 11 tsunami and earthquakes. And thank you to the tremendous talent who joined YSI for this concert: Iggy Jang, violin, Lisa Nakamichi, piano, Michael Stewart, piano, Honolulu Symphony Chorus, Punahou School Chorale and emcee Howard Dicus. The concert included a world premiere of Michael Foumai's, HYS05, Liu-Si. See concert photos on page 3. 🎵



Leading up to the Benefit Concert, HYS students engaged in a Postcards to Japan initiative where they were asked to reflect upon what is happening in Japan and write messages and create artwork for the people of Japan. Shown here are artwork by Haley Jernaill, YSII violin, and Diana Gao, Boys & Girls Club Band flutist. To see more postcards, visit HYS's Facebook page.



## SAVE THESE DATES

### HYS Academy Spring Concert

Sat., April 23, 2:00 pm  
Kaimuki High School Aud. FREE  
Donations for Hawaii Foodbank requested in lieu of entry fees

### Aloha Concert Luncheon

featuring Youth Symphonies I & II  
with Honolulu Chamber Choir  
Sun., May 8, 10:30 am  
Hilton Hawaiian Village  
Call 941-9706 or visit HYS website for an  
order form to make a reservation.

### Music4Kids Finale Recital

Fri., May 13, 5:00 pm  
Ala Moana Center Stage, FREE

### Symphony Program '11-'12 Auditions

May 21-22 & May 28-29  
Applications and audition music  
posted on HYS website

### Pacific Music Institute

One-week summer intensive for brass,  
woodwind and percussion students  
Daily, July 16-23  
University of Hawaii Music Dept.

### Summer Strings Classes

Fun for beginning and intermediate string players  
Daily classes, June 13-July 15  
St. Andrew's Priory School

### He Makana O Na Mele

YSI with Willie K, Noel Okimoto  
& Dean Taba  
Get rockin' with some incredible talent  
Sun., Nov. 20, 5:30 pm  
Hilton Hawaiian Village

More info. at [www.HiYouthSymphony.org](http://www.HiYouthSymphony.org)  
(808)941-9706



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## Executive Director's Message

Dear HYS Friend,

HYS owes a great deal to our community, not only for providing the monetary support necessary to keep our doors open for our 700 students, but also for the less tangible, incalculable breath of life it blows through those doors. The volunteer support and passion of our families (past and present), donors, alumni, music lovers, educators, musicians and friends are lifelines for HYS that cannot be underestimated. The combined enthusiasm is the motivating factor that drives our board, staff and ultimately our students. I am reminded of this after witnessing the results of our most recent concert at Blaisdell on April 10. The dedication and show of excellence by the performers (90 YSI students, 85 guest singers, tremendous guest artists, supplementary ensemble members, volunteer emcee Howard Dicus and composer extraordinaire Michael-Thomas Foumai, HYS05) combined with the fervor of the large audience was thrilling. To take all that high energy and convert it into a concrete \$19,400 for relief efforts in Japan is the ultimate power of music and service by our performers. It's the stuff that makes a great community. We cannot thank you enough for allowing HYS be a part of this community.

These few weeks in April and May are grueling for us. After a full year of rehearsals, we have five final performances in as many weeks for our different classes and ensembles. It is not ideal but we are limited by venue availability. Please take advantage of these concerts, many of which are free or requesting canned goods for the Hawaii Foodbank in lieu of ticket fees. Our season closer, the Aloha Concert Luncheon, auspiciously falls on Mother's Day this year and we hope you'll bring the family for a wonderful celebration of music and moms at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Finally, we send our gratitude to the Symphony Exploratory Committee which is working incredibly hard with Steve Monder, formerly of the Cincinnati Symphony, to bring back our beloved symphony musicians. It's been a heartbreaking dry spell and we are anxiously awaiting their return. The quality of life in our community and the core of our arts identity—for symphony-goers or non-fans alike—is weakened and incomplete without them. A hearty welcome back!

Aloha,

  
Selena Ching




Youth Symphony II shared a Community Concert with the Hawai'i Youth Opera Chorus at Kawaiaha'o Church on March 6. First stand violins Tyler Ramos, concertmaster, and Matthew Uchida were featured in Bach's Double Concerto for Two Violins.



Concert Orchestra performed at Windward Mall on February 27. Thanks to CO parent Donald Mastriano for serving as emcee.

### Kudos Korner



YSI cellists **HEE WON LEE** and **MONICA LUAT** and YSI violin **ROY NAKAMAEJO** are all Morning Music Club scholarship winners this year.

YSI horn **RORY ONISHI** was accepted into the Emerson Program which provides full-tuition scholarships for the Interlochen Arts Camp.

YSI violinist **MAYUMI FERNANDEZ** is taking a lead role in Kaiser High School's spring musical of Grease.

If you know of a HYS student deserving of kudos, call 941-9706 or email [admin@HiYouthSymphony.org](mailto:admin@HiYouthSymphony.org).



YSI's Gabby Perry and Hao Chen collect funds for Japan; a postcard by Erin Main

## String Program Workshop

String students had their second semester workshop at the University of Hawai'i Music Department on February 27.



## The Wowee on Maui

Youth Symphony I and Willie K played before an enthusiastic crowd of 900 people at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center on February 21. During the tour, the students also performed two Listen & Learn concerts for 2,000 Maui children and visited the A&B Sugar Museum for a look at old Hawaii. Mahalo to all our Maui volunteers who helped with our trip and to all the chaperones and crew guys brave enough to take the journey with us.

1) Willie K rehearses with orchestra; 2) Lines of people waiting to see YSI; 3) A scene from the Maui Beach Hotel; 4) A Maui 2nd grader conducts the orchestra at a free Listen & Learn educational concert; 5) After a grueling concert schedule, some R&R at the Sugar Museum



## Jake Visits Boys & Girls Club

Jake Shimabukuro came down to Spalding Clubhouse on March 10 to perform, talk about music and play with Music4Kids students.



### Pictures from April 10 Benefit Concert: Aloha for Japan



1) Japan Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo; 2) Iggy Jang, concertmaster, Honolulu Symphony; 3) Michael Stewart, winner Aloha International Piano Festival; 4) Honolulu Symphony Chorus Director Esther Yoo conducts Chichester Psalms with Lucas Cusick of the Punahou School Chorale; 5) Lisa Nakamichi playing Bach's Chaconne, arranged for left hand only; 6) Honolulu Symphony Chorus