



CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY *HIGH NOTES*



Conductor's Circle members backstage with Guest Artist: Kay Lilja, Karin Eames, Lara St. John, Violinist, Robert Lilja (behind), Amelia & John Nuckolls

If you would like to join next year's Conductor's Circle or need more information please feel free to call Judith Parker at (925) 280-2490.

2006-07 CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE MEMBER BENEFITS

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- Acknowledgment in Symphony Concert Program & Newsletter

Silver Level – \$2,500

All benefits listed above, plus . . .

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New Conductor's Circle Debuts

In January the Symphony launched its new Conductor's Circle program, offering exclusive events and recognition for the Symphony's major supporters who make a contribution to the annual fund during the Symphony's fiscal year (from August 1 through July 31). "The Board of Directors created this special program to offer our supporters year-round recognition and access to exclusive events," explained Ralph

Haskew, Board President, "We are thrilled with the positive response from donors." The Conductor's Circle replaced the Conductor's Club and was developed with input from current donors. Each level offers two complimentary invitations to exclusive events that provide members with unique and intimate opportunities to mingle with musicians, guest artists, and other Conductor's Circle members.

News and Notes from Barry



Are you ready for intrigue, love, passion and romance? Maybe the experience of hearing the full forces of the California Symphony unleashed in a program

that includes Strauss' *Don Juan*, Ravel's *Bolero* and Barber's rarely heard *Music From a Scene By Shelley*? How about the opportunity to hear the orchestral debut of the

California Guitar Trio performing the world premiere of Jon Anderson's *Concerto Uno* written especially for them? Yes (no pun intended), this is the same Jon Anderson who is the lead singer for the rock group "Yes." I hope you will join us as we conclude our 19th season and look forward to celebrating our 20th.

The California Symphony is proud of its reputation as a springboard for young artists and composers, so what better way to open the 20th season than with prodigies.



California Guitar Trio

Peng-Peng Gong (age 13) and Conrad Tao (age 11) will appear in their West Coast professional orchestral debuts performing Mozart's *Concerto for Two Pianos* and

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From the Executive Director: Year in Review



It's hard to believe that I am now finishing my fifth season with the California Symphony, and what a year it has been! I continue to feel so fortunate to be able to work in such an incredible organiza-

tion with such dedicated musicians, volunteers, patrons, and staff. The 2005-06 season was another year of artistic successes, including the world premiere of the final composition by our Young American Composer-in-Residence Kevin Beavers; the professional orchestral debut of local favorite piano prodigy, Chloe Pang; a popular suite of American Waltzes; and performances by world class artists Lara St. John, Alisa Weilerstein and Chee-Yun. The May concert will be a spectacular season finale featuring world premiere pieces performed by California Guitar Trio, as well as Ravel's *Bolero*.

In addition, the Symphony continued its acclaimed education and outreach programs, including *Music-in-the-Schools* (MIS) and the free community concerts. This year nearly 4,300 students participated in MIS, and the seven participating schools represented the communities of Concord, Pittsburg, San Ramon, Lafayette, and Pleasant Hill. This year marked the 6th Annual *Pops on the Plaza* concert in Concord, and the first ever *Bishop Ranch Symphony in the Park* in San Ramon. Nearly 5,000 people attended both concerts, and many audience members experienced the Symphony for the first time. In addition, thanks to the generous support from the host cities, Sunset Development and many other generous sponsors, the two concerts were fully funded. The next *Pops on the Plaza* is scheduled for September 16, 2006 and *Bishop Ranch Symphony in the Park* will take place September 17, 2006.

During 2005-06 the Symphony also made significant strides organizationally. Last Spring, the Board, staff and musicians participated in an all-day session focused on the Symphony's past accomplishments and goals for the future. The Planning Committee took the work from the retreat and developed the following three main goals: 1) To achieve financial stability 2) To ensure a full, strong Board with working committees, and 3) To ensure that the California Symphony is the definitive organization in the market by broadening community awareness and partici-

ipation. The Board and staff incorporated these goals into all activities this season through the hard work of the Nominating, Fund Development, Marketing and Special Event committees, which meant that the organization was working toward common strategic goals.

The Symphony strengthened the Board by adding several new Board members this past year including: Jean Blomberg, City National Bank; Sal Evola, Discovery Builders; Pat Vitucci, AIG Financial Advisors; Peter Wilson, Dean of the Concord Campus of Cal State East Bay; and Michael Weiner, retired Physician. Strengthening the Board puts the Symphony in a better position to increase its contributed revenue as well as corporate sponsorships. In addition, the High Cs Friends of the Symphony group continues to provide an opportunity for high level corporate executives to participate in the Symphony.

sponsorships. The Symphony's special events have also been great successes thanks in large part to sponsorship support: the Symphony Ball drew support from 29 table sponsors; there was a first-ever sponsored Salon concert in January; and the upcoming 7th Annual *Virtuoso* event will now have a lead sponsor.

Meanwhile, the Marketing Committee and the Board have been focused not only on ensuring that the 2005-06 season is well-attended and a critical success, but also on planning for the Symphony's upcoming 20th Anniversary Season. It is a remarkable achievement to have reached its 20th year, and the Symphony plans to capitalize on this landmark by recapping its past accomplishments, strengths and greatest assets, especially its supporters, patrons and artists.

Finally, while the Symphony is proud to celebrate 20 years, it is looking beyond that, and planning on expanding its performances to better accomplish its mission of touching

Thank you to our concert sponsors: **Bank of America, Michael Stead Porsche, Citation Northern, City National Bank, and KPMG**

For the first time the Symphony has procured a corporate sponsor for each of its four subscription concerts. "Sponsorships allow the Symphony to keep ticket prices accessible to the public," stated Carlotta Dathe, Fund Development Council Chairman, "and support our educational outreach programs that enhance the quality of life in our community."

The January concert was sponsored by **Citation Northern** in honor of **Dennis and Myrna Cheney's** first grandchild, Nate McRae Cheney, and his parents, Mike and Noel Cheney.



Barry Jekowsky joins Nate McRae Cheney with proud parents Noel and Mike Cheney and grandparents Dennis & Myrna Cheney

City National Bank sponsored the March 12 and 14 concerts as well as the March 13 Dinner with guest artists Chee-Yun and Alisa Weilerstein held at Massimo Ristorante. **KPMG** has committed once again to sponsor our season finale concerts on May 7 & 9th.

Thank you again to **Bank of America** our 2005-06 Season sponsor and October 16 and 18 concert sponsor **Michael Stead Porsche**.

The Fund Development Council has also been hard at work this year focusing on ways to grow the Symphony's income base. One of the great accomplishments this season was the creation of the new Conductor's Circle, a membership group for donors who contribute \$1,250 or more. In addition, the committee concentrated on the Symphony's Corporate Sponsorship program with great success—this year marked the first time that the subscription season was fully sponsored, with a season sponsor as well as four concert

as many lives in as many communities as possible. We are now exploring opportunities to perform in other communities such as Antioch, Pittsburg and Livermore.

Thank you for all you have done to help the Symphony accomplish so much in the past 20 years. I look forward to celebrating the 20th Birthday with all of you next season!

Best regards,

Seventh Annual *Virtuoso* Wine and Food Classic Set for May 21

Save the Date! The seventh annual *Virtuoso* Wine and Food Classic will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2006, at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa. The special honorees for *Virtuoso* will be Theodore and Elizabeth Schmidt, for their invaluable dedication and service to the California Symphony. We are thrilled to welcome AIG Financial Advisors as our Lead sponsor.

Narsai David, TV and radio personality, columnist, and internationally distinguished food and wine connoisseur, returns as Master of Ceremonies.

Internationally famous auctioneer David Reynolds will oversee the Live Auction which will feature unique wine verticals, large-format bottles, chef dinners and exotic getaways such as a week in Anguilla and Two Days at the Maserati Race Course in Parma, Italy.

All proceeds from the event support the California Symphony and its highly acclaimed *Music-in-the-Schools* program.

This year's event will feature tastings from renowned wineries and restaurants including those listed to the right.

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2006 Family Concert

&

Instrument Petting Zoo

Sunday, May 7, 2006 at 1:30pm • Hofmann Theater
\$5 children • \$10 adults

Five musicians involved with the *Music-in-the-Schools* program introduce music and the variety of instruments in the orchestra.

Following the concert is the Instrument Petting Zoo (sponsored by Best Music of Oakland), where children of all ages can try the various instruments of the orchestra seen on stage.

For tickets, please call the Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts Box Office at (925) 943-SHOW (7469)

For more information, please contact Elaina Birnbaum at the Symphony office at (925) 280-2490 or at elaina@californiasymphony.org.

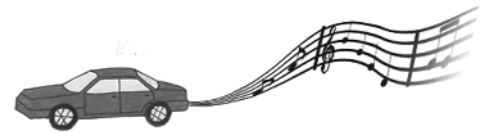
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Top, left: Board members Barb Stallings, Yolanda Kollar, and Michael Weiner serve drinks at the donor reception. **Top, right:** Reception guests Bryant and Inge Bennett. **Bottom:** Reception guests Jack & Phyllis Kalivoda with Pete and Angie Coffee.

Donor Thank You Reception Held at Left Bank

Each year the Board of Directors host a special reception to thank all the loyal donors who support the Symphony throughout the year with a contribution of \$250 or more. More than 75 guests enjoyed wine and savories provided by Left Bank and music by pianist Larry Dunlap.



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Symphony Salons – Exquisite Music & Elegant Settings

This year marks our fifth season for our popular Symphony Salon series. Salon performances are intimate musical performances featuring ensembles of California Symphony musicians and are held in private homes. Guests have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful program of beautiful music in some of our area's most elegant homes.

The Symphony held its first **Winter Salon** on January 24th at the beautiful home of Ron and Clarice Lodder and was sponsored by **Janet Brennan and David Lodder, Strategic Investment Group.** More than 50 guests were entertained by Principal Harpist, Karen Gottlieb and Acting Principal Flutist, Janet Ketchum.

Three **Summer Salon Programs** are being planned for 2006 and invitations will be mailed in late April. We are grateful to **Discovery Builders** who will be a Summer Salon sponsor. If you would like to host or sponsor a concert please call Elaina Birnbaum at (925) 280-2490.

Free Community Concerts in Concord and San Ramon

The Symphony will again present two free community concerts:

- **Saturday, September 16, 2006, 6:00 pm**
7th Annual Pops on the Plaza
in Todos Santos Plaza in Concord
- **Sunday, September 17, 2006, 5:30 pm**
2nd Annual Bishop Ranch Symphony
in the Park in San Ramon

This year's concerts will be back to back with the *Pops* concert for the first time on a Saturday and the *Bishop Ranch* concert on a Sunday. Maestro Barry Jekowsky is planning a great program with something for everyone including Disney, Pops, and patriotic and classical favorites. More than 7,000 people are expected to attend the two concerts. For many audience members these concerts are their only opportunity to experience the California Symphony. Many are senior citizens and families with young children.

2005 Symphony Ball a Great Success

The Fifteenth Annual Ball, *La Maschera e La Musica* was held at the Diablo Country Club on November 5, 2005. More than 300 guests, dressed in carnival attire and colorful masks delighted in the *Carnevale di Venezia* theme, the fabulous food and ambiance of the Diablo Country Club, the exciting Silent and Live Auctions and, of course, the wonderful Symphony Orchestra led by Maestro Barry Jekowsky.

Thanks to the generous sponsors and auction bidders, the event helped to raise more than \$115,000 of vitally needed funds to support the California Symphony's artistic, educational and community outreach programs. The Ball also honored Stephen and Jane Roath for their many years of support to the Symphony. A special thanks goes to the Ball Co-Chairmen Paula Miller and Janet-marie Petric, and their hardworking committee: Leslie Artis-Gan, Décor Chairman; Carlotta R. Dathe, Menu and Reservations Chairman; Loella Haskew, Entertainment Chairman; Dennis McCormac, Auctioneer; Kaycee McKenzie, Event Consultant; Devin Shane Muldoon,

Art Director; Helen M. Allen, Mary Ann Carter, Myrna Cheney, Yolanda Kollar, and Dawn Marie Yates.

Mark your calendars now to join us this year for the **16th Annual California**

Chairman. "All I can say is, 'Hang on to your hats, folks! The best is yet to come.' We welcome any and all who are willing to roll up their sleeves to assist us in making our



Ball Honorees Stephen & Jane Roath, Stacey Street, Executive Director, Ralph Haskew, President.



Ball Co-chairmen Paula Miller & Janet-marie Petric

Symphony Ball to be held on **Saturday, November 4, 2006** at the **Blackhawk Museum**. This Ball will commemorate the California Symphony's 20th Anniversary.

"The Symphony family has been told that *La Machera e La Musica* was absolutely the most amazing production in our history," states Janet-marie Petric, Ball

16th Annual Symphony Ball the talk of the East Bay. We have plenty of room for new talent and energetic volunteers." Please contact the Symphony at (925) 280-2490 if you are interested in being involved.

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High Cs Friends of the Symphony

High Cs Friends of the Symphony continues to attract business and community leaders in its third year. Members lend their creative ideas and leadership and invite their peers to join the Symphony's circle of supporters. A Spring and Fall special reception provide an opportunity for members to socialize and enjoy a special musical program.

"As a High Cs member you can acknowledge the value the Symphony delivers to the community, have input into their future direction, and network with other leaders within the community in a social setting a couple times a year," states High Cs Chairman Steve Roath. It is a great opportunity to be supportive without major time and other commitments. Many thanks to **Ken and Tamera Anderson** for hosting the April 11th spring reception at their home. Contact Judith Parker or Stacey Street at (925) 280-2490 for more information about High Cs membership.

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New Conductor's Circle Debuts

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- One Mid-Season Salon Performance
- VIP Reception & Seating at a Community Concert

Gold Level – \$5,000

All benefits listed above, plus . . .

- Sponsorship of an Orchestra Musician
- Backstage Mystique – Champagne with Guest Artist

Platinum Level – \$10,000

All benefits listed above, plus . . .

- Elegant Season Finale Dinner

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California Symphony Brings Music to Local Schools

The California Symphony is providing eight *Music-in-the-Schools* units to approximately 4,300 elementary students in the 2005-2006 year. Children from all parts of the County are receiving the benefits from this highly valued music education program. During the school year, students receive in-depth music education in the form of classroom visits by professional musicians and ensembles comprised of members of the California Symphony. At each school site, grades K-1 are visited three times by musicians working together with an Early Childhood Music Education Specialist. Grades 2-5 receive four visits by Symphony ensembles that focus on the string, brass, percussion, and wind families of the orchestra. Volunteers from the California Symphony Alliance act as assistants for the musicians and classroom teachers and age appropriate handouts enhance the educational experience.

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Notes from Barry

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Orchestra. These are two of the most remarkable talents I have ever heard.

In celebration of the California Symphony's 20th Birthday, we also celebrate the 15th anniversary of our Young American Composer-in-Residence (YACR) program by featuring one movement from a new "Young American Composers Suite" on nearly every concert. The suite will be four movements long and will feature the work of our YACR alumni—Chris Theofanidis, Pierre Jalbert, Kevin Beavers and Kevin Puts.

After much encouragement by my wife Rosalind and my children, I will make my personal concerto debut with the orchestra in a percussion concerto by American composer Michael Torke, Rapture "Skins and Wood." That's correct—two sticks instead of one (baton)! What a fun beginning to a thrilling concert. The California Symphony has performed American music on every concert in its history and continuing with this important tradition we will make a major statement with Leonard Bernstein's (my mentor) "Age of Anxiety,"

Symphony No. 2 for Piano and Orchestra. The excitement continues after intermission with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

An international artist renowned for her impassioned music making, technical brilliance and compelling stage presence, as well as one of the finest violinists I have worked with, Anne Akiko Meyers is one of the most sought after violinists performing today, and she will perform the Barber Violin Concerto with the California Symphony in March. Also on this program is Dvorak's symphonic poem, *The Golden Spinning Wheel*, Nielsen's *Aladdin Suite*, and the premieres of two movements from the YACR Suite.

For the past 20 years, the California Symphony has enjoyed presenting unique instrumentalists performing fascinating and beautiful music. In that spirit and concluding this special anniversary season is a special appearance by Anoushka Shankar—the daughter of the world's greatest Sitar virtuoso, Ravi Shankar. Anoushka will perform a Concerto for Sitar and Orchestra written by her father.

An accomplished musician in many genres, she was recently nominated for a Grammy Award in the New Age Music category. Our final week of concerts opens with the world premiere of the complete YACR Suite and will close with one of the most remarkable masterpieces ever written, *Scheherazade* by Rimsky-Korsakov.

The California Symphony has had many successes along the twenty year journey. Being chosen by *Reader's Digest* as "Best Symphony Orchestra in America" is one that stands out in my mind. These accomplishments are thanks to the many talented musicians, board members, staff members and most of all the local communities that have supported the Symphony over the years. My special thanks to all of you. I hope you will join us in the celebration of 20 years of artistic excellence and innovation.

Barry

Second Annual Heart's Desire is a Winner

The California Symphony Alliance held its second annual **Heart's Desire Luncheon and Fashion Show** on February 9th at the Crow Canyon Country Club. More than 230 guests enjoyed a Fashion Show featuring clothes from C&L Women's Fashions in Danville and Alexis h in Walnut Creek, both owned by Marie Krumland, and children's clothing by Janie and Jack. ABC 7 News Anchor Jessica Aguirre emceed the event and her children Olivia and Isabella were delightful models. "The event is named Heart's Desire," explains Chairman Dawn Marie Yates, "because it is our heart's desire to bring music to every child in our community." More than \$9,000 was raised to support the Symphony's *Music-in-the-Schools* program! A special thanks to all the Alliance members who contributed to the success of the event.

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