



# Clef Notes



54th Season

June 12, 2006

## First Annual SJYS Spring Fundraiser

### a Huge Success!

The First Annual San Jose Youth Symphony Spring Fundraiser was held Saturday, June 3rd at Le Petit Trianon in downtown San Jose. The evening was full of outstanding music, excellent food and a very exciting silent auction.

The fundraiser began at six with some hors d'oeuvres but quickly

Galen Lemmon. Following this outdoor performance, the audience moved to the concert hall and enjoyed the Avant Flute Choir. A Philharmonic Flute Duet was then played by Lauren Gripenstraw and Ray Furuta. Ian Harshman and Joe Morris followed with a Philharmonic Clarinet Duet. Next up, Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*, a beautiful rendi-

tion for two flutes, was played by Lauren Osaka and Kimia Ghaderi. The Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet made its debut at the fundraiser.



Performers Joe Morris, Lauren Osaka, Kimia Ghaderi and Ian Harshman.

moved to the many superb musical ensemble performances beginning at 6:30. First was the SJYS Percussion Ensemble led by

The Concert Orchestra Cello Quartet performed. The Philharmonic String Quartet filled the hall with a wonderful performance. The evening



of music was concluded with a triumphant Philharmonic Brass Quintet performance.

Several dignitaries were in attendance of the SJYS Spring Fundraiser including councilmember Forrest Williams who currently serves as the Council Liaison to the City's Art Commission and his wife, Dorothy Williams, Henry Schiro, Vice President of the Steinway Society and a member of the SJYS Advisory Board was also in attendance.



Advisory Board member Henry Schiro and Chairman Nancy Naroff

### Chairman's Podium

We have had a wonderful season and I would like to congratulate all our musicians for their progress and achievements this year. Also, I would like to encourage all our families to register with our e-script program to help with our fundraising needs. The more families that register, the more funds we can raise and the better we can support our musicians. Finally, I'd like to invite you all to our Philharmonic final concert of the season, presenting some of the most important American classical works and featuring Hoyt Smith from KDFC in San Francisco as the narrator for Copland's Lincoln Portrait. I wish you all a wonderful summer and I hope to see you all next season.

-Nancy

## UPBEATS

**Philharmonic Concert** June 17th at California Theater with Hoyt Smith

**SJYS Summer Camp** Scheduled August 12 - 18 at Walden West for Philharmonic and Concert Orchestra and August 7 - 11 for Flute Choir and Prelude and Intermezzo String Ensembles James Franklin Smith Elementary School

**SJYS T-Shirts** are available for \$15!!

**Have a great summer!!!**

### **Board of Directors**

- Nancy Naroff - Chairman
- Scott Gripenstraw - Vice Chair
- Tom Chang - Treasurer
- Gaylis Ghaderi - Secretary
- Leo Higashi
- Ligia Marcu
- Sam Yang
- Vicki Neil
- Sherri Osaka
- Al Chien

### **Advisory Board**

- Henry Schiro
- Cyril Isnard

# Ode to Alumni

## **George Ko 99' - Violin**

*San Jose, California*

George is currently living in North San Jose but he plans to move to San Francisco in the next month or two. He is currently playing in a quartet with friends from college. George also does some music tutoring when his time permits. George says that his favorite part of his SJYS experience was, "Working with the young, talented and intelligent musicians." George hopes all is well in the orchestra and hopes to see us all at our June 17th concert if his time permits.

## **Steve Sim 03' - Cello**

*San Luis Obispo, California*

Steve is currently a full time student at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where he is majoring in nutrition science.

## **Vincy Li 03' - Violin**

*Milpitas, California*

Vincy currently teaches the Baroque Ensemble at UC Berkeley, she is also working at Kamimoto Strings as a summer job. Vincy enjoys hang gliding in her free time.

## **Amy Kim 03' - Cello**

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Amy is currently attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA where she is double-majoring in Computer Science and Spanish/Hispanic language and culture. Right now she is back in San Jose for the summer as a software engineering intern at SanDisk. During the School year she is part of the Carnegie Mellon Red Team ([www.redteamracing.org](http://www.redteamracing.org)) which is a robotics research team with a world famous robotics professor involving autonomous ground vehicles. She is also the president of Student Alumni Relations Council and does extensive work with her church by leading a bible study and the administration team.

## **Caitlyn Christie 04' - Oboe**

*Irvine, California*

Caitlyn is currently a student at the University of California, Irvine. She was principal oboe in the Symphony Orchestra of the University of California, Irvine under Stephen Tucker this past year.

## **Molly Martindill 05' - Clarinet**

*Morgan Hill, California*

Molly is currently attending San Jose State University where she is a member of the school Wind Ensemble.

world, Austria has been the location of the absolute greatest classical musicians in history and was the musical capital of the world for a significant portion of history. Countless famous musicians have lived, worked, and performed in Vienna including: Joseph Haydn, Richard Strauss, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johan Strauss, Gustav Mahler, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Vienna is home to the Burgtheater and the Akademietheater which are considered the best theaters in the German-speaking world. Today the Vienna Philharmonic, the Vienna State Opera, and the Vienna State Opera Ballet are among the top groups in the world.

The tour will conclude with a visit to Budapest, Hungary yet another city well reknowned for its musically heavy culture. Árpád Doppler, Fritz Reiner, Franz Liszt, Zoltán Kodály and Béla Bartók all made their home in Budapest. The Hungarian State Opera, the Hungarian State Orchestra and the Franz Liszt Academy of Music are all found in Budapest today. Also located in Budapest is Europe's second longest, and most famous river: The Danube. The Danube, or

**Continued on  
Page 3**

## Tour Update

Several changes to the 2007 Eastern Europe Tour have been made which are sure to make the upcoming tour even more exciting!

Warsaw and Wroclaw Poland are the first cities we will visit. Poland has been the home of many famous composers and musicians including Adam Jarzębski, Witold Lutosławski, Vladislav Szpilman, and of course Frédéric François Chopin. Warsaw is home to a number of famous musical venues including the Teatr Wielki, the Polish National Opera, the National Theater, and the National Philharmonic Hall. Warsaw also holds a number of well known seasonal festivals among which are the International

Frédéric Chopin Piano Competition, the International Contemporary Music Festival Warsaw Autumn, the Mozart Festival, and the Festival of Old Music. Also located in Warsaw is the Chopin Museum where we are planning a lovely sight-seeing visit.

Following Poland, the orchestra will head west en route to the famous city of Prague in the Czech Republic. Prague has played a central role in classical music throughout the ages. It was the home of Antonín Dvořák and played a central role

in the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart especially when it came to his operas *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Don Giovanni* (which premiered in Prague). Today, Prague's musical scene includes many famous performance venues such as the well known Dvořák Hall, where the Phil hopes to perform, and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.

Now the moment you have all been waiting for! Vienna, Austria; ladies and gentlemen, will be the San Jose Youth Symphony's fourth stop on tour 2007. More than any other part of the

# Member Profiles

## JAMIE PAK

Jamie Pak has played the violin for 10 years and he is currently a senior at Saratoga High School. He started violin with music teacher Claudia Fountain, moved to Richard Gordon and has been studying privately with Dale King for a few years. Jamie has been a member of the San Jose Youth Symphony for nine years and he is currently the concertmaster for the Philharmonic Orchestra.

Jamie has been a part of his school's orchestra for two years. Last year he won the Outstanding Underclassmen Award which was voted on by the other members of the orchestra for the most exemplary non-senior in the orchestra. This year, Jamie was the recipient of the National School Orchestra Award (NSOA) which is the "highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member of the high school orchestra to recognize excellence in playing and contributions to the ensemble." Last year, Jamie was admitted into the California Music Educators Association (CMEA) All-State Orchestra.

Next year, Jamie plans to attend UC Berkeley but has not yet decided on a major yet.

## New T-Shirt Design!

*San Jose Youth Symphony has a new T-Shirt for 2006! The designs, as seen below, were done by Jonathan Chang, a member of the Philharmonic Orchestra.*

*The Shirts are available in all sizes and are selling for \$15, \$25 for two. Get them now because they are selling fast!!*



**The Front of the Shirt**



**The Back of the Shirt**

## ALEX YANG

Alexander Yang began playing the piano at the age of five and integrated cello into his life as the age of ten, studying with Kyeong Hwa Kim. Alex was the winner of the Chinese Music Teacher's Association of Northern California Competition in 2004 and 2005 for Best Solo Concerto and Best Chinese Music Performance, and the winner of the Peninsula Concerto Competition in 2005. Alex was also given a scholarship at the San Francisco International Summer Music Festival in 2004, was chosen for Best Musician, and performed at the Legion of Honor with world famous pianist, Boris Bloch.

Alex has been with the San Jose Youth Symphony for the past seven years and is currently co-principal cellist in the San Jose Youth Symphony; Alex has also been a member of the SJYS String Quartet for the past two years. Two years ago, Alex founded the non-profit organization, the Perfect Fifth Ensemble: a group that organizes and performs benefit concerts. For the past two year, Alex was the director and organized the benefit concerts "Melody of Life" for victims of war and victims of Hurricane Katrina., raising over \$20,000 in donations while appearing on the Korean Times and San Jose Mercury News. Alex was also the vice-president of the Community Club and organized a benefit concert for Parkinson's Disease.

Alex is a currently a senior at Los Gatos High School, where he enjoys being a member of the Math Club. Alex received the Gold Presidential Community Service Award in 2004 and 2005 for his volunteer work at the American Red Cross and convalescent homes. Outside of school, Alex enjoys playing for the elderly at convalescent homes with his mom and his sister along with being a part of SJYS's "Music Matters" by going to elementary schools and playing and introducing music to little kids. Alex enjoys playing golf, volleyball, and track and field and will be attending UCLA where he hopes to pursue a career in biochemistry while keeping music an integral part of his life.

## Tour Update

### **Continued from Page 2**

the *Beautiful Blue Danube* as Johann Strauss put it in one of his most famous waltzes, has been a cornerstone of culture throughout the ages. The Danube contains the sites of some of the earliest human cultures including the danubian neolithic cultures. It was also where the Danube School of landscape painting was founded. Such a historic river will make our Dinner Cruise on the Danube River, on the

final evening of our tour, all the more special and memorable!

Along with the sight-seeing opportunities of the Chopin Museum and the Danube River we plan to perform 5 concerts, including possible collaboration concerts, at various conservatories and professional halls throughout Eastern Europe. Our tour of Eastern Europe in 2007 is sure to be a trip to remember! Friends and family are welcome on this tour; get your requests in early!

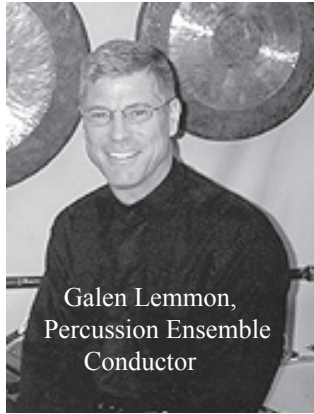
# Natural Harmonies

## SJYS Percussion Ensemble Concludes a Successful Season!

The San Jose Youth Symphony Percussion Ensemble enjoyed its most successful season this year. The group grew in the number of percussionists as well as artistic quality. We gave our first full concert on November 17, 2005 at the Willow Glen High School Little Theatre. A substantial crowd showed up for an entertaining evening of all percussion. Jacob Steuer and Kevin Brown were featured in this concert on drum set. Two of the pieces performed were arrangements by Galen Lemmon of "Danny Boy" (for all keyboard percussion ensemble) and John Williams' "March from 1941."

In January 2006 the ensemble performed at a Day of Percussion held

at Ida Price Middle School and then traveled to Fresno for the Fresno State University Day of Percussion on February 25th. The ensemble was judged by well-known percussionists from



Galen Lemmon,  
Percussion Ensemble  
Conductor

across the country and received praise for its musicality and precision. Following this performance the ensemble performed at Bethany University on February 27th with

the San Jose State University Percussion Ensemble. Both ensembles performed for music majors at Bethany.

January and February also saw rewards for the outstanding members of this ensemble. Shirley Huang, Gabe Slotnick, Jon Lou and Jacob Steuer were all accepted to the CBDA State Honor Band held in Fresno. Kevin Brown, Shirley Huang (who was 1st chair), Annie Phillips, Gabe Slotnick and Gabby Lopez were all members of the Santa Clara County Honor Band.

On May 15th the ensemble performed at the San Jose State University Percussion Concert and several members performed a piece for all junk at the SJYS fundraiser on June 3rd. Those members were Andrea Buckley, David Coustier, Devon Koning, Joshua Mah, Joseph Mah, Josh Radzikowski and David Lindskog. We finished the season on June 11th at the SJYS concert. Included on the program were difficult works for percussion. They were "No Exit" by Lynn Glassock, *El Cumbanchero* by Rafael Hernandez and Christopher Rouse's *Ku-Ka-Ilimoku*.

## ESCRIP!! and SJYS

SJYS is now part of the eScrip program! Please go to [escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and register your grocery cards, ATM card, and major credit cards with eScrip to earn money for SJYS! This is an easy way to make what could amount to a very significant amount of money for SJYS! If you are already a participant in the eScrip program for other organizations, you can simply add the SJYS to your list of donors and help the symphony share in your philanthropy.

### Website:

<http://www.escrip.com/program/welcome.jsp>

### ID #:

137607449

py by Reinhold Gliere. The Prelude String Ensemble pieces were followed with two side-by-side performances with both the Prelude and Intermezzo String Ensembles. The collaboration pieces were Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* and *Into the West* from the Lord of The Rings by Fran Walsh, Howard Shore, and Annie Lennox. The evening was concluding with two pieces performed by the Intermezzo String Ensemble. These pieces were *Mock Morris No. 1* from *Room Music Tidbits* by Percy Grainger and Mozart's *Symphony No. 29 Movement No. 1*. The evening of music was spectacular.

On Sunday, June 11th the Avant Flute Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and Concert Orchestra concluded their seasons with an amazing concert at the San Jose State University Concert Hall. The Avant Flute Choir, under David Ladd Anderson and Teresa Orozco-Peterson, performed Rossini, Strauss, a Samba piece, *Telemann Suite in A minor* and show stopper, *Night on Bald Mountain*. The Percussion Ensemble under Galen Lemmon dazzled the audience with *No Exit* by

Lynn Glassock, *Ku-Ka-Ilimoku* by Christopher Rouse, and *El Cumbanchero* by Rafael Hernandez. Finally, the Concert Orchestra under the direction of Byung-Woo Kim included such pieces in their performance as *Schindler's List* by John Williams with Hannah Lee as a featured violin soloist, Luigi Bocherinni's *Concerto in B flat* featuring Grace Yang on Cello, Georges Bizet's *Carillon*, and Ludwig van Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*. The evening was a fantastic finish to several tremendous seasons.

On Saturday, June 17th the San Jose Youth Symphony Philharmonic Orchestra under Yair Samet will conclude their season with several pieces of American Literature and Hoyt Smith from KDFC narrating Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. All are invited to join us at the California Theater in downtown San Jose at 2:30 PM for yet another triumphant season conclusion.

## Fantastic Finales!

As the San Jose Youth Symphony's 54th Season quickly comes to an end, SJYS audiences have been able to enjoy a variety of fantastic finale concerts from all of our many ensembles.

On May 24th, the Intermezzo String Ensemble under Ryo Fukuda and the Prelude String Ensemble

under Victoria Morton gave their final season concert at Le Petit Trianon. The Prelude String Ensemble started the concert performing *L'arlesienne Suite No. 2: Farandole* by Georges Bizet followed by *Prelude from Holberg Suite* by Edvard Grieg and *Russian Sailor's Dance - From The Red Pop-*