

# Berkeley Youth Orchestra **BYO**

Dear Friend of BYO,

On Sunday, May 16, 2009, the Berkeley Youth Orchestra will again host its annual Spring Concert and Silent Auction at Laney College in Oakland. It will be a celebration of BYO's years of inspiring and educating young musicians. Last year, the Silent Auction helped us to provide scholarships to 20 of the orchestra's 88 musicians. Most of these young artists would not be playing if not for your generosity.

The Berkeley Youth Orchestra under the direction of Conductor Jay Lehmann, is now in its Fortieth season. Its musicians come from all over the Bay Area. Most are from the East Bay but some members travel from as far away as San Francisco, Fremont, Walnut Creek and Vallejo. BYO provides most of its members with their first full orchestral experience, something that they will stay with them the rest of their lives. The orchestra enjoys unprecedented respect and support in the musical community.

In these difficult economic times, we are reaching out to alumni and businesses in our community to help us keep all of our musicians playing with the orchestra.

Please consider donating one or more of the following:

- An item or gift certificate for our Silent Auction
- Food or drink for the event
- A cash sponsorship to help defray the costs of the event

All donors will be acknowledged in the concert program and/or silent auction brochure.

Please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Berkeley Youth Orchestra, P.O. Box 1294, Berkeley, CA 94701.

If your donation requires special handling, or if you have any questions, please contact ([administrator@byoweb.org](mailto:administrator@byoweb.org)) or at 510-663-3296

The BYO is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, and we are 501(c)3 under IRS code.  
The BYO Tax ID is 94-2270463.

Sincerely,

Jackie Roth & John O'Donnell  
Silent Auction Chairs