Our very own Orange County Youth Symphony is celebrating its 50th anniversary this 2019-2020 season with 200 participating young musicians who auditioned, hailing from schools all over Orange County. It is an exciting time for the young musicians – and for the Philharmonic Society as well.

We are delighted to welcome our new Music Director and Conductor, Johannes Müller Stosch, who currently serves as Director of Orchestral Activities at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach. Maestro Müller Stosch received his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Conducting from the Eastman School of Music and two Master of Music degrees in organ performance and orchestral conducting from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He also serves as the Music Director and Conductor of the Holland Symphony Orchestra in Michigan. We are very fortunate to have him at the helm of our orchestra.

The partnership between the Philharmonic Society and Orange County Youth Symphony dates back to 1986, when Jane Grier and others of her Education Committee approached John Koshak to collaborate in presenting an updated version of the Philharmonic Society’s Symphonies for Youth. Thus began our very popular and successful Concerts for Fifth Graders youth program, which over the years has reached more than half a million Orange County fifth graders. Quite an accomplishment!

In September 2017, the Orange County Youth Symphony officially joined with the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. By taking the youth symphony under our wing, we are providing an environment for these young musicians to grow and become even more accomplished, while at the same time adding a rich piece to our Philharmonic education programs.

Many of these young people grew up experiencing our youth music programs. From their first exposure, our programs aimed to inspire students to pursue and enjoy music—with the youth symphony as the culmination of engaging these students’ passion for music at a much deeper level. We will nurture their talents through not only the high-level training they receive in their rehearsals and performances, but also by the interaction we can provide for them with our visiting major orchestras and world-famous soloists the Philharmonic presents each year. For example, last year the musicians from the Czech Philharmonic workshoped the youth symphony’s brass and woodwind sections—while our string players attended a master class led by cellist Alisa Weilerstein. These rich experiences are so important to develop these young musicians.

In addition to our regular set of eight concerts for fifth graders, the Youth Symphony will be presented in three concerts this season. Please join us in attending these concerts. You will not only be supporting these young people, but will also be rewarded with great classical music played by an accomplished orchestra. Let’s get behind our orchestra and help it soar!

Orange County Youth Symphony has partnered with the Philharmonic for our Concerts for Fifth Graders since 1986, then officially joined under the umbrella of the Philharmonic Society in 2017.

Orange County Youth Symphony Celebrates 50 years!

by JoAnn Furbringer

2019-2020 OCYS Performances

Sunday, November 17, 2019 @ 4 pm
Chapman’s Historic Memorial Hall

Sunday, March 15, 2020 @ 4 pm
Soka University Concert Hall

Sunday, May 17, 2020 @ 4 pm
featuring “Carmina Burana”
Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall
26th Philharmonic House of Design Receives Rave Reviews From Guests

by Sandi Wright-Cordes

On May 14, eight weeks after receiving keys, the courtyard gate opened to reveal our stunning Philharmonic House of Design! One room after the other brought surprise and delight from our guests as the newest in design trends provided ideas and inspiration at every turn. Enticing shopping opportunities followed the tour thanks to the amazing group of loyal vendors who worked tirelessly to support our mission with their sales.

Closing the gate for the last time, we left behind memories of long hours of preparation by our multi-talented designers with their generous donation of time and services, along with that of our dedicated and hard-working members throughout the Committees. Once again, our La Casa Committee excelled in leadership and support throughout each phase of this project—planning, construction, and presentation to the public. Ticket sales by all members continued to be a major income source. Kudos to Marie Fries of Capistrano Committee for selling 80 tickets and to Jeanne Calle of HHPC Admiralty for selling 69!

While the weather may have discouraged attendance, all can be genuinely proud of our efforts in achieving a true House of Design, full of inspiring ideas and recognized by many as a showcase comparable to those with much longer histories. This was a Design House we will not soon forget!
2019 Golden Lyre Award
by Judy Michel

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Nineteen years ago, Philharmonic Director of Education Rita Major asked Donna Jean to help volunteer with the mailings for the Musicians on Campus program. Over the years, Donna Jean took on more and more responsibilities and became its longstanding chairman. This program for grades 4 - 6 serves more than 50,000 students each year. Professional musicians—featuring brass, woodwind, and string groups—visit elementary schools throughout Orange County, offering dynamic performances and inspiring students every year.

The unexpected death of Rita in 2017 left us with many problems, but not with Musicians on Campus. Donna Jean stepped up to do everything: from scheduling the programs, contacting the school districts and musicians, and sending out all the information. She saved this outstanding youth program; no one else knew how or could have done what she did.

Donna Jean exemplifies the caliber of The Committees volunteers who make a difference in the Philharmonic youth music programs.

President’s Corner
by Kim Weddon, President of The Committees

The forecast for 2019-20 is out. Put on your sunglasses for a bright and sunny year!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our spectacular House of Design this spring—as well as the Society “Speakeasy” Gala in June, where there were feathers and fun galore as we received support for The Committees and the Strike Up the Band program.

You’ll hear a lot this year about fundraising efforts to support the youth music programs.

- First and foremost: Help us match Judith Jelinek’s pledge of $25,000 by donating to Music4Kids at philharmonicsociety.org/Volunteer/
- Share an idea: We’re looking for a new county-wide fundraiser.
- Help us find other sources: Do you or a family member qualify for an Employee Community Volunteer Grant? Do you have a connection to a company foundation to get an invitation to apply for a grant?
- And lastly: Do you have or know someone with grant writing experience? Let us know.

All fundraising efforts and amounts are appreciated. Jason Winterfeld, son of Admiralty member Ellie Winterfeld, gathered his band and others at the Tiki Bar in Costa Mesa to raise money in memory of his daughter, Beth, resulting in close to $2,500 to support music for a Huntington Beach school.

Support one or more fundraisers this fall and expand your Committees friendships. HHPC kicks off fundraising with a new “Wine and Craft Beer Tasting” event on September 14, followed by their Holiday Boutique October 18-19. Raise money and enjoy more shopping at the “Shopping Extravaganza” at Outlets in San Clemente October 5. Capistrano returns with their delicious Holiday Tea on December 8. Celebrate the holiday with HHPC for Cruise of Lights® December 17-23.

Make this the year that you try something new, both personally and within your Committee. If you haven’t seen the Music Mobile in action, share the joy as a 3rd grader holds a horn or a violin. Picture excited 5th graders watching the concert at Segerstrom Hall. Be inspired at a Musicians on Campus or Ensembles on Tour presentation at a local school. Travel to the Mission, Bowers Museum or Heritage Hill to experience a musical and historical 4th grade program. Enjoy a day at the Philharmonic High School Orchestra Festival.

We wouldn’t be able to present our youth programs without your enthusiasm and efforts. Invite a friend to join in the camaraderie at our Fall Kick-off on September 11 at St. Mark Presbyterian Church. Bring in a new member or step up to mentor a newer member. You make the difference! Imagine the possibilities and help raise the bar for a great year!

Did You Know?
Go to philharmonicsociety.org/Volunteer/
- Order Committee Name Tags
- Order Logo Garments to usher
- Download Music4Kids Tribute form
- Youth Music Schedule
... and more information!

Overture
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Committee News

A Thank You to All!
by Jean Felder and Patty Reilly

Vice President of Youth Programs Jean Felder and Vice President of Youth Concerts Patty Reilly invited program chairmen and assistants to a special thank you luncheon at Patty’s home on Thursday, June 27—prepared with love by “The Twins.” The gesture showed their deep appreciation for everyone’s support, dedication, commitment, and guidance during the past two challenging years after the unexpected passing of Director of Education Rita Major.

Patty and Jean also introduced and welcomed the new VP of Youth Concerts Sandi Wright-Cordes and VP of Programs Vivian Kusiak, wishing them success and offering their assistance this upcoming year.

“500 Club” Fundraiser
by Margaret Clark

Big Canyon/Spyglass Hill Committee knows the recipe for a successful fundraiser: Start with a great idea from Bobbitt Williams to create a “500 Club,” mix with a generous dollop of Big Canyon/Spyglass Hill members willing to pledge $500, add a serving of FOB (friends of Bobbitt) with the same dollar commitment, stir in a festive location at the home of Frank and Virginia Buccella in Huntington Harbor, and garnish with cuisine by Rhonda Volz.

Guests were greeted by Chairman Kari Kerr, offering guests either a glass of champagne or a cocktail. To those wishing a water experience, consummate host Frank Buccella guided a harbor cruise on his boat “Coral Queen.” Guests preferring to remain on dry land were treated to the guitar styling of Michael Cladis and Bill Williams.

When the fun and merriment subsided, it was revealed that over $14,000 was raised to benefit the youth music programs. “This was a great project,” exuded Bobbitt, who has been a strong and effective member of the Philharmonic Committees for the past 38 years.

Among the new “500 Club” members are Ruth and Tony Bedi (Prego Ristorante), Sheryl and Tim Campbell (Cappy’s Café), Shell Grossman, Donna and Nick Shubin, Jacki and Weiko Wirta (AES Corporation), Kay and Jim Burra, Carol and Kent Wilken, Eva Khwaja, and Dr. Deidre McTaggart (incoming president).

Have a Rockin’ Good Time!
by Lara Anderson

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Harbour Fall Fun-raisers
SEPT 14 Uncorked & Untapped - Wine & Craft Beer Tasting
OCT 18-19 Holiday Boutique
DEC 17-23 Cruise of Lights®

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Last year’s Sweepstakes grand prize “A Space Odyssey” home decorating winners, the Jones Family.
California Journeys with John Yeiser
by Kim Fix

Orange County’s Heritage Hill Historical Park is a hidden gem at the edge of a shopping center in the city of Lake Forest. In 2015 it became the third site for an expansion of the Philharmonic’s fourth grade California Journeys Program. For the past four years musician John Patrick Yeiser has brought the sparkle to the journey at Heritage Hill. Likewise, Gary Francisco (aka “Farley the Fiddler”) entertained students at the Bower’s Museum and the San Juan Capistrano Mission.

With the retirement of Gary Francisco this past spring, John was invited to bring his music, humor, homemade instruments, and relevant lesson to Bowers and the mission. For each performance John unpacks and displays over 100 instruments. The students experience playing homemade banjos, spoons, pots, pans, scrub boards, as well as are also invited to sing folk favorites. They are then encouraged to create their own lyrics to songs and make their own homemade instruments based on what they have learned on their California journey.

John’s Mission San Juan Capistrano presentation will have a special focus on the Acjachemen Indians and other indigenous tribes besides looking at the Spanish roots. He will introduce the ocarina and flute, while students will play rain sticks along with Native American drums and shakers. Through instruments such as the maracas, quiro, and chrangos, he shows the blending of two cultures to what we now call mariachi and Latin American music.

Americana folk music of the Gold Rush and westward movement, the roots of Country Western music today, will also be introduced. With full student participation, a rousing rendition of Ritchie Valens’ “La Bamba” concludes the presentation, demonstrating how the sound of Latin American music, African American culture, and Americana/country music blend into modern California music of today. John explains, “This culminating activity demonstrates for students how people of diverse backgrounds are still arriving and contributing to a vibrant and innovative society.”

Committee members interested in assisting with the California Journeys program at any of the three locations should contact Vivian Kusiak, Vice President Youth Programs, at usteacher@aol.com.

Capistrano Holiday Tea

Save the date!
Sunday
December 8
1:30 - 3:30 PM
Mission Viejo Swim & Racquet Club
26221 Tierra Circle,
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

La Casa Celebrates 25 Years

The La Casa Committee, founded by Jane Grier and Elaine Delman to provide leadership for the House of Design fundraiser, celebrated their 25 years of service at their June Installation Luncheon at Capital Grille.

Silver Membership Bowl

Sandi Wright-Cordes, VP Membership, presents the silver membership bowl to Coto de Caza Committee chairman Lisa Taylor for their efforts to welcome new members.

Summertime Celebration

Saddleback members Dottie Mowry, Phyllis Berenbeim, Jean Felder, Charlene and Ed Compton, Eric Kadison, and Randi Kraemer enjoyed their summer party.
Donations to the Philharmonic Society’s Tribute Fund are lasting, caring and generous ways to honor an individual’s accomplishments, mark special occasions or memorialize a member, relative or friend. Funds are used as needed for youth programs and scholarships to assist highly qualified music students with their studies. Donations made to the Tribute Fund from April 15 through July 23, 2019, were:

Special Tribute to:
Alta Bahia 2018-2019 Officers
Sharon Silcock

Beverly Carmichael
Jane Gray Porter Committee

Pat Puich
Jane Gray Porter Committee

Barbara Thibault
Jane Gray Porter Committee

Louise Upham
Jane Gray Porter Committee

In Loving Memory of:
Ted Doniguian
Husband of Gisela
Cameo Committee

Robert Granger
Husband of Mary Granger
La Casa Committee

Wanda Gwozdziowski
Alta Bahia Committee
Susan Beechner

Eva Kilgore
HHPC Committee
HH Sandpiper Group

Vera Kotiza
Veronica Devries

Kimberly Kudlo
Daughter of Jeanie Gibson
HH Islander

Christina Lahy
Sister of Kim Weddon
HH Islander Group

Michael Ridout
Son of Karen and Phil Ridout
La Casa Committee

Dale Skerik
Husband of Sherry Skerik
Ruth Roe

Barbara Wheeler
Cameo Committee

Beth Winterfeld
Mary Busche
The Winterfeld Family
Barbara Howland
Barbara Thomas

Philharmonic Gala Benefits Committees

Society Board and Committees member Joanne Fernbach and husband Lloyd Stockwell joined their friends to kick up their heels at the Philharmonic Society’s Speak Easy-themed Gala last June.

The third largest fundraiser for the Philharmonic Society’s nationally recognized youth music education programs, this year’s “Fund A Need” Gala benefited the Strike Up The Band! program to provide much-needed new instruments and teaching materials for Orange County schools—and help foster a new generation’s passion for music.

The Committees raised $18,200 to support youth music programs, while $35,000 was collected from Philharmonic Society Gala guests to go specifically to schools K-12 Strike Up the Band! Philharmonic grants.

The Gala is an important fundraiser for not only the Philharmonic Society but also The Committees, whose members’ attendance directly supports funding for the next year’s youth music education programs! Join us next spring for more fun and fundraising!
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**Concert Calendar**

* Order The Committees 3-FER concerts by 10/18/19

*Camera Lucida
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019, 3PM
Samueli Theater

*LA Phil with Esa-Pekka Salonen
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019, 3PM
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

*Richard Goode, Piano
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019, 8PM
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

*Danish String Quartet
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019, 8PM
Samueli Theater

*Vivaldi’s The Four Seasons: Zurich Chamber Orchestra
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019, 8PM
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

*“The Spirit of the Season” w/ Voctave
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019, 8PM
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

*Duke Ellington’s Nutcracker with Duke Ellington Orchestra
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019, 7PM
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

*JCT Trio
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020, 8PM
Samueli Theater

All artists, dates, venues, programs, and prices are subject to change.
Committees Fall Kick-Off Celebration!
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
@ 9:30 AM
St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach

Bring a Friend! Share the Music!
Share the Joy!

2019 - 2020 Committees Event Calendar

September 5 — Chairmen, Membership and Ways and Means Workshops | 9:00 -12:30 @ Guaranty Chevrolet

September 11 — Committees Fall Kick-Off Celebration | 9:30 AM @ St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach | RSVP: sandyp99@aol.com

September 14 — HHPC Wine and Craft Beer Tasting | 6-10 PM @ Huntington Harbour Yacht Club | CONTACT: Pattyreilly@mindspring.com or Charmainerood@gmail.com

September 17 — Youth Concerts and Programs/Music Mobile Workshops | 10 - 1 @ OCDE Building A Boardroom

October 5 — Committees Shopping Extravaganza Fundraiser | @ Outlets at San Clemente | Register to purchase tickets and win prizes: ShopOSC.com/tickets

October 18-19 — HHPC Holiday Boutique | Friday 10-5 & Saturday 10-4 @ Huntington Harbour Mall | CONTACT: hhpcboutique@yahoo.com

November 17 — OCYS Opening Concert | 4 PM @ Chapman University Memorial Hall

December 8 — Capistrano Holiday Tea | 1:30 @ Mission Viejo Swim & Racquet Club | CONTACT: sandi4stamps@yahoo.com

December 14-15 — Huntington Harbour Boat Parade | www.hhboatparade.org

December 17-23 — HHPC Cruise of Lights® | 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 @ Huntington Harbour Mall | CONTACT: madeline@philharmonicsociety.org or CruiseofLights.org

January 20 — Literary Luncheon – Santa Ana & Town and Country | “Murder, Madness and Laughter” guest author Sue Ann Jaffarian @ Costa Mesa Country Club | CONTACT: ecordesca@aol.com