

Berkeley Youth Orchestra **BYO**

Dear Friend of BYO,

On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, 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 more than 20 of the orchestra's 100 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 41st season. Its musicians come from all over the Bay Area. In fact this year we have members from 26 cities, and 5 counties! BYO provides most of its members with their first full orchestral experience, something that 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 donation to help defray the costs of the event

All donors will be acknowledged in the concert program.

Please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Berkeley Youth Orchestra, P.O. Box 11607, Berkeley, CA 94712.

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

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

Sincerely,

Henry Kim
Silent Auction Chair