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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

THE BEACH CITIES SYMPHONY

FINAL CONCERT OF OUR 64TH SEASON

Barry Brisk, Music Director and Conductor

M.T.A.C. ARTISTS OF THE FUTURE

Friday, May 23, 2014 • Marsee Auditorium

Concert — 8:15 pm • Pre-concert Lecture — 7:30 pm

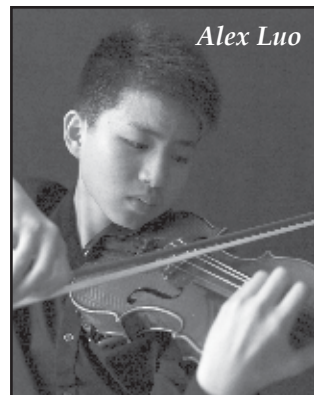
EDWARD DONG XU—Piano soloist

Concerto No. 23 in A Major, third movement,
Allegro assai—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Edward Xu is a 14-year-old freshman at South Torrance High School. He began studying piano with David Xin Wu when he was eight years old. He completed the Advanced Level of M.T.A.C. Certificate of Merit evaluation at age eleven. In 2012, he placed first in the M.T.A.C. South Bay Branch Scholarship Audition, Intermediate Division. Edward was also the winner of Southern California Bach Festival Branch and Regional competitions in 2012. In March of this year, he participated in M.T.A.C. State Concerto competition and was the second alternate in his age group in Southern California. Edward plays in a chamber music trio which won the Vocalists, Orchestral instruments, and Chamber Ensembles (VOCE) Branch audition in 2013 and 2014. The trio also



Edward Dong Xu



Alex Luo

won first place in Southwestern Youth Music Festival (SYMF) in 2013. In his spare time, he enjoys basketball and math competitions.



Jamie Kim

JAMIE KIM—Flute soloist
*Concertina, Opus 137-
Cecile Chaminade*

Jamie Kim is a 14-year-old eighth grader at Ridgecrest Intermediate School. She has studied flute with Verna Balch for almost five years and has won numerous first place awards in the open categories at (SYMF). In 2012 and 2013, she placed first in the South Bay Branch of M.T.A.C. VOCE competition and second place at the California VOCE state finals, as well as first place in the Branch level this year. In 2012, she received the M.T.A.C. Scholarship, and in 2013 she was the winner of the Beach Cities Symphony Jo Wisniewski Memorial Scholarship for middle school students. Jamie is a member of a flute, cello, and piano trio that placed first at Branch, second place at State VOCE, and
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Christina Park

first place in both the Junior and Senior ensemble categories at SYMF. The trio received first place in the Branch level this year also. In addition, Jamie plays violin with the Palos Verdes Regional Symphony Orchestra and is a member of the Ridgecrest Intermediate School Advanced Band and Orchestra. In her free time, she enjoys reading and watching Food Network.

ALEX LUO—Violin soloist

Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Airs), Opus 20—Pablo de Sarasate

Alex Luo is a 14-year-old freshman at Mira Costa High School. He has been studying violin under the tutelage of Way Wong for seven years. He played in the Colburn String Orchestra for two years before joining the Olympia Youth Orchestra. Alex participated in both the All Southern and All State Honor Orchestras. He earned first place in his school's Rotary Club Solo competition. He was also chosen to participate in two master classes: one with Lusine Harutyunyan and another with Hal Grossman. Alex and his friends created the Chinatown String Octet and went on to win their school's talent show. Besides studying violin, Alex is a competitive swimmer on the school's Varsity swim team.

CHRISTINA PARK—Cello soloist

Concerto in C Major, Hob VII, n.1, third movement, Allegro molto—Josef Haydn

Christina Park, a 12-year-old sixth grade student at Richardson Middle School, has studied cello with teacher In-Kyu Lee for five years. She has been a member of the Palos Verdes Regional Symphony Orchestra for two years and has received several first place awards, including first place awards in open categories at SYMF since the year 2010. Since 2011, Christina has won four awards at the Southern California's Junior Bach Festival and second place at the American String Teachers' Association L.A. finals. Christina took home the Grand Prize at the Junior Korean Times Competition in 2012 at the age of 10. She was the winner of the M.T.A.C. Scholarship Audition and the winner of the Beach Cities Symphony Scholarship, both in 2013. In her spare time, Christina enjoys reading and playing tennis.

OUR MAY CONCERT WILL ALSO FEATURE:

Winter Waltz—Milos Raickovich

Marche Slave—Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky



Above: Erin Wood, soprano soloist, with Maestro Brisk and the Orchestra at our March concert.

Left: BCSA Chairman Pat Chavez calls for raffle winners.

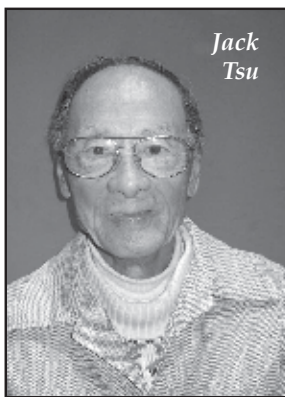
Right: Maestro Brisk and the Violin section.

Top left photo by Peter Coffee. All other photos by Aydin Tuna Palabiyikoglu.



NONAGENARIAN RUNS MANHATTAN BEACH 10K RACE

For the past 31 years, C. N. (Jack) Tsu, a long-time supporter of the Beach Cities Symphony, has participated in the Manhattan Beach 10K Race. At age 92, Mr. Tsu ran and won the race for his age category, (90+). He was one of two contestants in that category, and he beat his single opponent and his 2012 time of 2 hours, 13 minutes, and 9 seconds by almost 17 minutes. He was honored last year by the Manhattan Beach City Council for being a 91-year-old finisher of his 30th 10K run (or walk, as he now confesses). Mr. Tsu went on to say he had the feeling that the city council thought that would be his last run. But Mr. Tsu was not ready to hang up his running shoes. He entered the race wearing bib number 92, and with the help of two assistants who provided water and bananas along the way, he finished. He thinks this may have been his last race, but maybe not! Mr. Tsu also carried the Olympic torch in China prior to the Beijing Olympics in 2010.



Jack
Tsu



OUR 65TH SEASON (2014-2015)



Friday, November 21, 2014

A MUCH-FÊTED EVENING

Barry Brisk—*Celebration!*

P.I. Tchaikovsky

Piano Concerto No. 1

Carlos Gardels, soloist

Ferde Grofé—*Grand Canyon Suite*

Friday, January 23, 2015

TALES OF ROMANCE & FANTASY

Frederick Delius

“The Walk to the Paradise Garden “

(from *A Village Romeo and Juliet*)

Ernest Bloch—*Schelomo* (Hebraic Rhapsody)

Jerome Kessler, cello soloist

Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov—*Scheherazade*

March 20, 2015

A MAGICAL EVENING

Carl Maria von Weber

Der Freischütz Overture

Gordon Jacob

Concerto for Flute and String Orchestra

Rhondda Dayton, soloist

Johannes Brahms—Symphony No. 3

May 29, 2015

ARTISTS OF THE FUTURE

Giuseppe Verdi—Prelude from *Aida*

Artists of the Future Competition Winners

Ludwig van Beethoven

Leonora Overture No. 3

Orchestra and Board Members participate in the 2014 Hermosa Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Photos by Brian Jung

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APPROACHING - JUNE 30, 2014

Applications are still available online for the two \$500 Beach Cities Symphony's Middle School Scholarships. Applicants must be in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade at the time of application; they may be attending public, private, or home schools. Completed applications must be received by the June 30, 2014, deadline. The awards will be presented at our November 21 concert. We urge parents and teachers of music students to encourage them to apply. The instructions and application forms can be found on our website, www.BeachCitiesSymphony.org, or call (310) 379-9725 for information.

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TIME TO RENEW
for the
2014-2015 Season

TIME TO RENEW WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

With this final concert of our 64th season, we again appeal to you for your support to insure that we can present a successful 65th season. As you can read in this newsletter, our 65th season's programming is already planned, but each season presents the same challenge of raising the needed funds to pay for each of the four FREE concerts. We thank you for your past support, and we regard your continued support as a show of your confidence in the BCSA to continue these performances of classical music. Recent newspaper articles have noted the financial difficulties and failures of many orchestras and opera companies, large and small, locally and nationally. Thank you for making sure that the Beach Cities Symphony does not become such a statistic.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

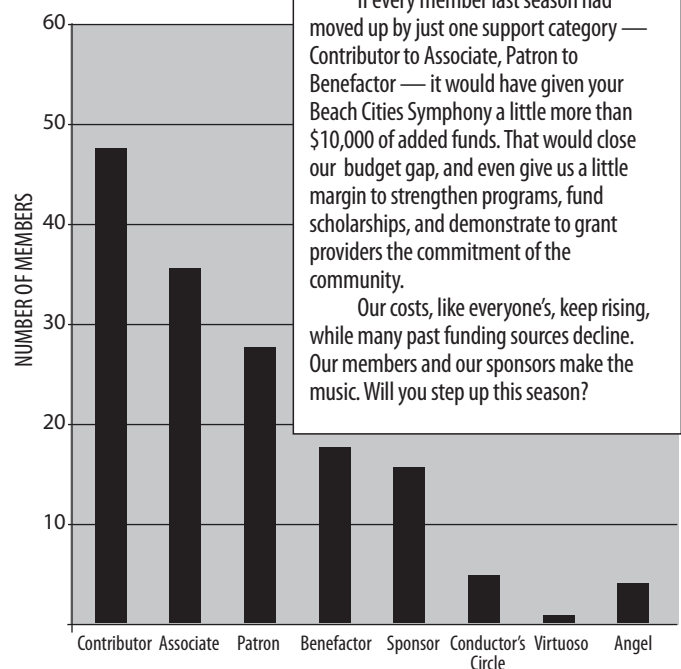
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| Roberta Berard | Rahil Bhorania |
| Beverly Bodkin | Paul W. Caldwell, Jr. |
| Joyce Cannon | Mr. & Mrs. R.N. Constant |
| Elaine M. Endres | Annette P. Fosket |
| Tom & Amy Hanrahan | Stanley Howard |
| John Kellam | Ted R. Marcus |
| Glenn Marsh | Paul Matsumoto |
| Kent McDonald | Karl & Kathleen Newman |
| Won Na Ng & Ming Chang | Peggy Sartor |
| Paul Weavers & Friend | Elizabeth Young |

Thank you for supporting our organization!

PARKING PASSES

As far as we know, parking for our 2014-2015 concerts will again be \$3. At this time we are not sure we will have prepaid season passes to sell with renewing or new Association memberships. Please go to our website at BeachCitiesSymphony.org for updates. If we have your email address, you will be notified when we have new information.

Are you ready to take a step up?



Every member of the Beach Cities Symphony Association plays a vital role in putting the world's best music on a South Bay stage. Are you ready to step up your support?

If every member last season had moved up by just one support category — Contributor to Associate, Patron to Benefactor — it would have given your Beach Cities Symphony a little more than \$10,000 of added funds. That would close our budget gap, and even give us a little margin to strengthen programs, fund scholarships, and demonstrate to grant providers the commitment of the community.

Our costs, like everyone's, keep rising, while many past funding sources decline. Our members and our sponsors make the music. Will you step up this season?

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