

For almost five decades, Oakland Youth Orchestra has been one of the Bay Area's foremost leaders in music education and orchestral training. OYO has given thousands of students the opportunity to grow and develop both musically and socially.

In this, our 48<sup>th</sup> season, we continue the tradition of exciting performances and outstanding educational opportunities for young people in our community. Upcoming 2012 performances include: a performance at the Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival "Bay of Hope" in San Francisco on January, 15; a "side-by-side" performance with Oakland East Bay Symphony on January 27; our annual Gala and Concert on March 10; and our Spring Concert on May 20.

Providing in-depth educational and performance experiences to over 75 students every year requires significant "behind-the-scenes" assistance and support. Throughout our nearly half-century history, we've relied on the generosity of our community to ensure support for OYO's programs, which include:

- **OYO Scholarship Program:** Provides tuition scholarships to students whose families cannot afford annual tuition. *(16 scholarships awarded in 2010-11.)*
- **"Bridge" Lesson Program:** Provides private instruction to low-income students to prepare them for entry into OYO. *(15 "Bridge" students in 2010-11.)*
- **Instrument Fund:** Provides repair and replacement of instruments. *(New bass drum purchased in 2010-11.)*
- **Concert Fund:** Supports venue and other production costs, so we can keep our concerts free of charge. *(3 concerts presented free to the public in 2010-11.)*
- **Commission Fund:** Supports new works written especially for OYO and our performance partners. *(New work by Hector Armienta premiered by OYO in 2010-11.)*

Understanding the power of music education to greatly impact and profoundly influence the lives of young people, we invite you to become part of the family of OYO supporters. Your gift of support will help us continue our long tradition of excellence in musical training and performance.

On behalf of the students and communities we serve, thank you for your support.



Tom Schunn  
President



Michael Morgan  
Artistic Director