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ZORBA PRESENTS: A GREEK ODYSSEY GALA
To Support OYO and Celebrate Our Performance Tour of Greece
Concert, Auction, Greek Food & Wine
43rd Season of great music by great kids

OAKLAND, CA — March 4, 2007, 3 to 7 pm, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. The concert will be conducted by Maestro Michael Morgan and OYO Principal Conductor Bryan Nies. Admission is \$75. Tickets may be purchased from Oakland Youth Orchestra by mail or via our website, www.oyo.org.

Michael Morgan has said of OYO: "You have to experience it in person. There is an excitement that simply cannot be duplicated."

Greek and Armenian music and special musical guests the Kairos Youth Choir!

Greek food, wine, music and high spirits come together to benefit the award-winning Oakland Youth Orchestra, and to celebrate OYO's upcoming tour of the Greek Isles. The event features performances by the orchestra and the Kairos Youth Choir, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Auction items include European vacations and other getaways, tickets to local theater and music performances, dinners at popular local restaurants, and much more! Music will include a fabulous new arrangement of Greek dances, Khachaturian's exciting *Sabre Dance*, The irresistible *Hoedown* from Copland's *Rodeo* and John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

Celebrity hosts include NBC-11's **Janice Edwards**, and the Oakland Tribune's "Frosene on the Scene" **Frosene Phillips**. The youthful spirit and fabulous music of Oakland Youth Orchestra will ensure a fun-packed afternoon of delights for all.

Oakland Youth Orchestra is comprised of 80 talented young music students aged 13 to 21 years from over 30 cities from throughout the Bay Area. We have alumni playing in symphony orchestras all over the world, conducting, composing, recording, as well as making careers in pop, jazz, film and vocal music. This month we are rooting for alumni Jeremy and Joel Cohen and Quartet San Francisco, whose Classical Crossover tango jazz recording *Latigo* has been nominated for two Grammys! To learn more visit www.oyo.org.

Artistic Director Michael Morgan was born in Washington DC where he began conducting at the age of 12. While a student at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, he spent a summer at the Tanglewood Berkshire Music Center and worked with Leonard Bernstein. Morgan is a noted teacher of conducting and advocate for music education in Oakland and around the world.

Principal Conductor Bryan Nies holds the prestigious Bruno Walter Assistant Conductor Chair with the Oakland East Bay Symphony, is Assistant Conductor of Opera San Jose, and an assistant conductor of Festival Opera in Walnut Creek.

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