



## Education and Community Programs 2011/2012

### NURTURING CREATIVITY, CURIOSITY and VIRTUOSITY

During the 2011/12 season, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Education Programs will reach over **100,000** schoolchildren, teachers, families, young musicians, and concertgoers through concerts, participatory music programs in schools, workshops, and events at Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, and various locations throughout Los Angeles.

During the 2011/12 season, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Community Programs will reach more than **30,000** people through complimentary ticket distribution through social service agencies and the offices of the County Supervisors and through free and low cost concerts in various Los Angeles communities.



## INCITING CURIOSITY

The Los Angeles Philharmonic believes in the profound and transforming experience of living music. We are committed to creating innovative music education programs which provide teachers and students throughout the greater Los Angeles area access to the world's finest musicians and creative programming.



### **Toyota Symphonies for Youth:**

The Toyota Symphonies for Youth series features eight concerts showcasing the Los Angeles Philharmonic, created especially for children age five to eleven and their families. These multi-disciplinary concerts are a perennial favorite of old and young alike and feature guest artists of the highest caliber, most recently including Los Angeles Philharmonic regular Emanuel Ax. Free pre-concert activities including art-making, singing, dancing, and story-telling open these fun-filled and thrilling events. **Approximately 16,000 children and families served.**

### **Symphonies for Schools - Elementary Students:**

Four free concerts, held at Walt Disney Concert Hall, introduce elementary schoolchildren to the Los Angeles Philharmonic every year. Each teacher who applies to participate in this program is required to attend a preparatory workshop focusing on curricular integration of the music. The program culminates in unforgettable concerts developed especially for elementary students. **Approximately 9,000 students and teachers served.**

### **School Partners Program - Elementary Schools:**

This program connects students and teachers with orchestral music through engaging residencies. The School Partners Program for elementary schools is a six-week residency program providing historical and cultural context of Los Angeles Philharmonic repertoire and opportunities for student music-making. The partnership includes professional development for teachers and concert experiences at Walt Disney Concert Hall for teachers and students. **Approximately 100 teachers and 3,000 students served.**

### **YOLA Neighborhood Project**

The YOLA Neighborhood Project represents an evolution of the Los Angeles Philharmonic's pre-existing education and community programs – school programs, neighborhood concerts, and YOLA - leveraging the strengths of each to create zones of musical activity. YNP aims to saturate neighborhoods surrounding YOLA sites with in-school programs and concert opportunities for youth, families, and the community at large. Participating schools are selected for this project based on their commitment to in-school music education. **Approximately 4,000 students, parents, and members of the community served.**

### **Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts Youth Concerts:**

The Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts sponsors two Los Angeles Philharmonic concerts designed and presented especially for elementary schoolchildren. The Los Angeles Philharmonic's Education Department provides students and teachers with preparatory study materials and musical recordings. **4,500 students served.**

### **SummerSounds – Music and Art for Kids at the Hollywood Bowl:**

Six weeks of morning concerts and fine arts activities engage children ages 3-9 and their families in learning about the world of music and the diverse cultural communities of Los Angeles. Recipient of the



2010 “Best of LA” Award from Los Angeles Magazine for Best Concerts. **Approximately 30,000 children served.**

## NURTURING CREATIVITY

"An orchestra means joy, motivation, teamwork, the aspiration to success. It is a big family dedicated to harmony." — José Antonio Abreu, Founder of *El Sistema*



### **Symphonies for Schools - Secondary Schools:**

A set of two free concerts for middle school and high school music students held at Walt Disney Concert Hall each year. Each teacher who applies to participate in this program attends a professional development workshop and receives a study guide and CD that includes lesson plans and musical examples to help students find meaning and relevance in the concert-going experience. **Approximately 4,500 students and teachers served.**

### **School Partners Program - Secondary Students:**

The Secondary School Partners Program focuses on developing the performance skills of middle and high school orchestras. Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians and teaching artists work collaboratively with partner school orchestra teachers in coaching and rehearsing students as they learn to perform selected musical repertoire. Students are also provided with access to Los Angeles Philharmonic rehearsals, concerts, and guest artist masterclasses. The program culminates in unforgettable concerts developed especially for secondary music students at Walt Disney Concert Hall. **Approximately 1,000 students and teachers served.**

### **Youth Orchestra Los Angeles:**

Youth Orchestra LA (YOLA) is the Los Angeles Philharmonic's initiative to provide access to free, high quality instrumental and orchestral education in order to promote youth development. Central to YOLA is the Los Angeles Philharmonic's plan to build, with community partners, youth orchestras in underserved communities throughout Los Angeles. YOLA is inspired by *El Sistema*, the Venezuelan music education system that nurtured Gustavo Dudamel. El Sistema provides a quarter million children annually with free musical instruments and music instruction so that they may play in youth orchestras throughout their country.

The EXPO Center Youth Orchestra, the first project of YOLA opened in fall 2007, is a partnership between the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Harmony Project, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The program is comprised of children ages 2–17 who live within a 5-mile radius of the EXPO Center and represent more than 60 public, charter, and private schools in South LA. **Approximately 350 students served.**

YOLA at HOLA, the second project of YOLA opened in fall 2010, is a partnership between the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Heart of LA, an after-school community center in the Rampart District. In its first year, YOLA at HOLA engaged 100 first and fourth graders who were immersed in instrument instruction, singing/solfège, musicianship, ensembles, and academic tutoring. This season, new first and fourth grade classes will be added as other students continue, leading to the organic development of orchestras at the heart of the program. **Approximately 150 students served.**

Recognizing the value of collaborative action, the Los Angeles Philharmonic created the YOLA Stakeholders Network. Convened four times each year, the Network consists of over 50 public and private music education and social service organizations invested in YOLA's mission. Its goals include developing



new orchestras for underserved youth; pooling resources to improve existing programs; and sharing achievements and best practices.

## SUPPORTING VIRTUOSITY

The Los Angeles Philharmonic follows in a deep tradition of enlisting accomplished musicians as mentors. Our young musicians programs aim to help youth reach their potential and to inspire virtuosity. With the support from Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians, students and teachers learn important lifelong lessons.



### **Youth Orchestra Partners Program:**

Students in Los Angeles-based youth orchestras join with Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians in a deep-rooted tradition of mentorship. These vital relationships are cultivated through access to coaching sessions, masterclasses, and concert tickets which prepare students for the unforgettable opportunity to perform on the stage of Walt Disney Concert Hall during LA Phil's Youth Orchestra Festival. **Over 500 students served.**

### **Composer Fellowship Program:**

This innovative two-year program gives passionate young composers the tools and the freedom to shape the future of music. Private and group composition lessons, seminars presented by Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians, and encounters with professionals in the field propel the Fellows to excellence. Students experience the creative process from start to finish with the help of accomplished composers. At the end of the process, these young composers have the remarkable opportunity to hear their works performed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic. **Four to eight students served every two years.**

### **Masterclasses:**

Music students and educators are given the exceptional opportunity to attend a masterclass with world-renowned Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians and guest artists. Masterclasses are open to young musicians and present helpful instruction on topics ranging from practice and performance skills to instrumental technique and artistic interpretation. **Over 300 students and teachers served.**

### **Young Artists Competition (sponsored by Fidelity Investments):**

Through the Young Artists Competition, Los Angeles county public high school instrumentalists have the opportunity to become one of two soloists (one cellist, one violinist) to perform with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra at Walt Disney Concert Hall in a showcase-style concert. **Approximately 20 students compete each year.**

### **Dudamel Fellowship Program:**

The Dudamel Fellows Program is the Los Angeles Philharmonic's initiative to identify emerging young talent in the field of conducting. Four promising young conductors are selected by Maestro Gustavo Dudamel and Los Angeles Philharmonic Artistic staff to participate in a six-week intensive residency at the Los Angeles Philharmonic each season which includes opportunities to hone skills as conductor and educator. Dudamel Fellows act as cover and guest conductor for the Los Angeles Philharmonic in

education and community concerts and work with students in key education programs of the organization. **Four fellows annually.**

## ACCESS FOR ALL

The Los Angeles Philharmonic is an expert in designing engaging concert experiences for specific audiences. Not only do we want to serve audiences who are tried and true, but new audiences with young faces and in unusual settings – in churches and school auditoriums – for people less familiar with music of the Philharmonic.



### Open Rehearsals:

Open rehearsals provide students and teachers with a rare opportunity to watch the Los Angeles Philharmonic in action as it prepares for concert performance. In order to enhance the learning experience, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Education Department provides participants with information on the repertoire and composers, and information about the rehearsal process. Our partner middle and high schools attend open rehearsals, as well as select partners from youth orchestras and universities. **Over 1,000 students and teachers served.**

### Upbeat Live:

Pre-concert lectures and post-concert discussions are an informative and engaging way to learn about the music before the performance begins. There will be **over 110 talks** by renowned musicologists, panel discussions, and special events held one hour before most concerts in BP Hall in the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Upbeat Live events are free with the purchase of a concert ticket.

### Neighborhood and Community Concerts:

The Los Angeles Philharmonic's concerts in the community include free orchestra, chamber music and jazz concerts in churches, community centers and other local venues around Southern California. Last season, free chamber music concerts were performed at Culver City: Music in the Chambers; First Lutheran Church in Venice; the Central Library; and St. Thomas the Apostle in Pico-Union. Orchestra Neighborhood Concerts are performed annually in different locations around Los Angeles County. **Approximately 4,000 members of the community served.**

### Community Concert Connections:

Through Community Concert Connections, the Los Angeles Philharmonic distributes complimentary concert tickets to organizations that work with individuals in need, families, youths and seniors who could not otherwise attend concerts. 501 (c) 3 organizations submit a brief application describing whom they serve and, once accepted, receive a set of concert dates from which to request their tickets. At the Hollywood Bowl, tickets are offered for Tuesday and Thursday evening Los Angeles Philharmonic performances. **Over 16,000 tickets distributed annually through more than one hundred social service organizations.**