

# Education and Community Programs

#### OVERVIEW

During the 2009-10 season, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's Education Programs will reach over 100,000 schoolchildren, teachers, families, young musicians, and concert-goers through concerts, participatory music programs in schools, workshops, and events at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, and various locations in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic's Community Programs will reach more than 45,000 people through complimentary ticket distribution through social service agencies and through the offices of the County Supervisors, and, through free and low cost concerts in communities throughout Los Angeles.

# *¡BIENVENIDO GUSTAVO!* A MUSIC CELBRATION OF LOS ANGELES

Four years ago, Gustavo Dudamel made his U.S. debut at the Hollywood Bowl. Now, he makes his first appearance as Music Director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic as part of a day of free performances at this iconic venue. The festivities will draw on the many cultures and musical traditions of Los Angeles to create a tapestry of the community. The day culminates in the Los Angeles Philharmonic's free performance of Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony, led by Dudamel, featuring the Los Angeles Master Chorale joined by choruses from across Los Angeles, both professional and amateur, representing the great diversity of the city. (October 3, 2009)

Tickets are on sale Saturday, August 1, 2009, and will be available in person at the Box Office, online at HollywoodBowl.com, by phone at 323.850.2000, and through Ticketmaster. Admission is free. Service charges apply via all sales channels except in person at the Box Office.

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- **Toyota Symphonies for Youth:** Eight concerts created especially for children age five to eleven and their families. These concerts are a perennial favorite of old and young alike. Pre-concert activities such as art-making, singing, dancing, and story-telling open this fun-filled and thrilling event.
- Symphonies for Schools-Elementary Students: Four free concerts, held at Walt Disney Concert Hall, introduce elementary schoolchildren to the Los Angeles Philharmonic. 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 at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

- School Partners Program-Elementary Students: In 2009-10, the Los Angeles Philharmonic will
  continue to partner with elementary schools in districts throughout the County. Partnerships range
  from twenty week music residencies, providing sequential music learning in percussion for third
  graders and recorder for fourth graders to six week music residencies, providing historical and
  cultural context of Los Angeles Philharmonic repertoire and opportunities for student music-making
  to select third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classes.
- SummerSounds: Music and Art for Kids at the Hollywood Bowl: Six weeks of morning concerts and fine arts activities engage children and their families in learning about the world of music.
- 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 school children. The Los Angeles Philharmonic's Education Department provides students and teachers with preparatory study materials and musical recordings.

#### PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

Youth Orchestra Partners Program: Launched in 2006–07, this program provides local youth orchestras in LA County with systematic access to Los Angeles Philharmonic's artistic resources including its musicians and world-class venues. Select orchestras will have the opportunity to perform in Walt Disney Concert Hall during the course of the program. The goal of this program is to cultivate a dynamic partnership between the Los Angeles Philharmonic and LA County youth orchestras to enhance the artistic capacities of the young musicians in each orchestra. Past participating youth orchestras include: *CSUN Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra, Glendale Youth Orchestra, Junior Philharmonic, Los Angeles Youth Orchestra, Olympia Youth Orchestra, Pasadena Young Musicians Orchestra and Verdugo Youth Orchestra.* 

- Symphonies for Schools-Secondary Students: Two free concerts, held at Walt Disney Concert Hall, introduce secondary schoolchildren to the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Each teacher who applies to participate in this program is required to attend a preparatory workshop focusing on musical concepts and repertoire as part of the concert experience and receives study materials and a compact disc of the music. The program culminates in unforgettable concerts developed especially for secondary music students at Walt Disney Concert Hall.
- School Partners Program-Secondary Students: The Los Angeles Philharmonic partners with middle and high schools in Los Angeles County in order to support school orchestras and music teachers. The program engages Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians and teaching artists, and school orchestra teachers in co-creating plans for enhancing school music programs through individual and group instrumental coaching, visits to the LA Philharmonic and the sharing of sharing professional experiences from the music field.
- Youth Orchestra Los Angeles: Youth Orchestra LA (YOLA) is the Los Angeles Philharmonic's initiative, supported by a network of stakeholders, to provide access to exceptional instrumental and orchestral education in order to promote youth development. The program and musical instruments are free to all participating students. Central to YOLA is the LA Phil'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 Music Director Gustavo Dudamel. El Sistema annually provides a quarter million children 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, is a partnership among the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, The Harmony Project, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The EXPO Center Youth Orchestra is comprised of children ages 8 – 14 who come mainly from within a 5-mile radius of the EXPO Center and represent more than 60 public, charter, and private schools in South LA. The EXPO Center Youth Orchestra gives its first public performance at Santee High School on February 21, 2009 at 8 p.m.

- Composer Fellowship Program: This innovative multi-year program is designed to provide young composers from high school with the necessary skills to achieve excellence in music composition. The program is designed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Steven Stucky, the LA Phil's Consulting Composer for New Music. Select fellows in this two-year mentorship program will: receive up to 20 private and group composition lessons with Los Angeles Philharmonic guest composers; attend seminars presented by Philharmonic musicians on building a better understanding of the orchestra; learn directly from film composers, music arrangers and publishers; hear their music led in class sessions by Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians; and attend Los Angeles Philharmonic concerts and rehearsals at Walt Disney Concert Hall.
- Masterclasses give music students and educators 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.
- The Bronislaw Kaper Awards: This competition is an award program for young musicians age 18 and under. The adjudication panel is comprised of Los Angeles Philharmonic musicians, and award winners receive cash prizes.
- Open Rehearsals: Open Rehearsals provide students and teachers with a rare opportunity to watch
  the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in action as it prepares for concert performance. In order to
  enhance the learning experience, the 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.

### **PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

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.

Music Education Laboratory: Year-long professional development program to build capacity in Los Angeles Philharmonic teaching artists and musicians to teach in Education's school and community sites. In order to strengthen students' music learning in the classroom, the Philharmonic is committed to training those who work directly with the thousands of students in our School Partners Program. The Philharmonic's teaching artist and musician faculty includes 15 - 20 freelance musicians and 40 LA Philharmonic musicians. Training focuses on exploring best practices in music education, successful ways that teachers and musicians partner, and the unique role of "artist" in the classroom.

#### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- Neighborhood and Community Concerts: The 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. During the 08/09 season, free concerts were performed at Van Nuys High School and St. John Chrysostom Church. Annually, a community concert is performed in the Pomona First Baptist Church. As examples, free chamber music concerts will be performed in Spring 09 in Culver City: Music in the chambers; First Lutheran Church in Venice; the Central Library and at St. Thomas the Apostle in Pico-Union.
- **Community Concert Connections:** Through Community Concert Connections, the 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 Walt Disney concert Hall, tickets are offered to the *Sounds About Town* series of youth orchestra concerts; at the Hollywood Bowl, tickets are offered for Tuesday and Thursday evening Philharmonic performances.

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