



Asia America Youth Orchestra

An Extraordinary Musical Experience for Young Musicians



Founded in 2001, the *ASIA AMERICA YOUTH ORCHESTRA (AAYO)* is the inspiration of Asia America Symphony Association Music Director, David Benoit.

His vision is to provide an opportunity for young musicians of all races and cultures to play in a professional-level ensemble. Under his artistic direction, AAYO is recognized as the premiere youth orchestra of Southern California.

Eligibility: Open to all intermediate & advanced level music students up to age 18. The AAYO welcomes students of all musical ability, ethnic backgrounds, and instruments of orchestral, jazz or contemporary nature (*Sax, Drums, Bass & Guitar*)

"Being with the AAYO from the very beginning, I feel that I have grown with the orchestra. The professional setting really Helped me improve as a musician. Being classical trained; the variety of music that we played opened my eyes to different Genres."

Takanori Ohkubo, AAYO Violin Alumnus – currently attending USC

"AAYO and David Benoit have helped shape my musical voice - their guidance has motivated me to pursue music as a Life passion."

Justin Klunk, AAYO Saxophone Alumnus – currently attending USC

Opportunities

- * To learn, work, and perform under internationally acclaimed composer, pianist, and conductor, David Benoit
- * To perform with Professional Hollywood studio musicians, the *Asia America Symphony Orchestra*, during their finale concert of the season at the Japan America Theatre, LA
- * A Training ground for semi-pro level musicians and those seeking careers as a studio musician
- * To be challenged and play a wide variety of musical styles: *classical, jazz, & chamber music*
- * To apply and compete for various scholarships
- * "Meet The Masters" series – AAYO members have the opportunity to interact and meet "World Class" accomplished professional musicians during the season – all who are recipients of many prestigious awards & honors.

How To Join

Talented young musicians are welcome to audition and join us for another exciting season! Please complete the AAYO registration form and return to:

ASIA AMERICA SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION
608 Silver Spur Road #320
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Phone: (310) 377-8977
Fax: (310) 377-8949
Email: youth@asiaamericasympphony.org

Or download application form from www.asiaamericasympphony.org and return to above address.

Auditions for the 2011 season will be held on **September 11 & 12 (new applicants) and September 18 & 19 (returning students)** at 608 Silver Spur Road in Rolling Hills Estates. Become a member and participate in our 2011 concert season beginning this January including performances at the *James Armstrong Theatre* at the Torrance Performing Arts Center and other events in Southern California.