



Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

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PALO ALTO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 'S 'SINFONIA' SEASON FINAL CONCERT

June 8 Concert Features the Winners of PACO Concerto Competition

DATE & TIME: Sunday, June 8, 2008, 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University

PROGRAM: Vivaldi's Concerto for Four Violins in B minor, Op. 3 No. 10
Dvorak's Romance for violin and orchestra, Op. 11
Telemann's Viola Concerto in G Major
Wieniawski's Legende for violin and orchestra, Op. 17
Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 in C Major, Op. 21

TICKETS: \$10/general , \$5/senior and student
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About the Soloists

Thyne Boonmark is a fifth grader at Pinewood school in Los Altos. He started his music lesson by Suzuki method. He began his violin lesson with Diane Egli and piano with Regina Roper. Currently he studies violin with Mrs. Kwok Ping Koo and piano with Mrs. Anna Semyanosky. This is Thyne's second year

with PACO and he is now a member of the PACO Preparatory Orchestra. Thyne is also a member of The Pinewood School Children Chorus. Besides music, his other passions are drawing and painting. It was in his kindergarten that he won his first prize in a drawing competition. Thyne also enjoys reading and listening to radio talk shows on National Public Radio like Fresh Air by Terry Gross and Car Talk by Tom and Ray Maqliozzi.

Tessera Chin, 11 years old, is a 6th grader at Jordan Middle School in Palo Alto. She began playing the piano at the age of four and started playing the violin when she was five years old. Currently she studies violin with Jenny Kuan. Tessera joined the PACO Superstrings 3 years ago and enjoys ensemble playing with her family quartet. She continues her piano studies and also plays the Chinese zither "gu-zheng". She has recently performed a gu-zheng duet composed by her grandmother and arranged by her father with the Superstrings and PACO orchestras. Some of Tessera's interests and hobbies include card playing, ballet, watching Star Trek with dad, and badminton.

Angela The, 10, is a violin student of Mrs. Jenny Rudin. She has received honorable mention in competitions at the Strings International Music Festival in Philadelphia, and was chosen to participate in a master class with David Kim. Last year she made her orchestral solo debut with the Sinfonia orchestra at PACO's season finale concert. Angela was fortunate to perform with the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra in their excellent Family Concert series, and earlier this year she performed with Clara Chan and members of PACO at the Bach Celebration in Portola Valley. Angela started learning the violin at age 3 with Ms Diane Egli, and also studies piano with Ms Lena Grozman. She is a fifth grader at Carden Day School of San Jose. Angela is very grateful to all her music friends, coaches and teachers for all their loving support.

Clara Chan is a 12 year-old violinist from Hillsborough, California. She began studying the violin with Li Lin when she was 4 years old. She made her orchestral solo debut last summer as the winner of the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition. She was also a prizewinner for violin in the Chinese Music Teachers' Association Competition. Clare was awarded a "Command Performance" from California Music Educators Association, and has twice received "Branch Honors" for piano in the Music Teachers' Association of California Certificate of Merit examinations. Earlier this season, she performed the Bach Double Violin Concerto with Angela The during the PACO Bach Festival and later this month, she looks forward to traveling to San Diego to perform with her cellist brother, Nathan Chan in a special Gala Performance sponsored by the Museum of Music Making honoring the legendary Ravi Shankar. She is in 6th Grade at Crocker Middle School.

Delenn Chin, 13, is in the 7th grade at Jordan Middle school in Palo Alto. She started playing the cello with Kris Yenney at age 9 and currently studies with Vicky Wang. This is her 3rd year with PACO. She has enjoyed playing at various venues including nightclubs, storefronts and for special occasions. Delenn has also been playing the piano since she was 4 and plays the Chinese zither, recently performing

a zither duet with the Superstrings and PACO groups. Delenn also greatly enjoys reading, ballet, more reading, and computerized embroidery.

Veronica Kim, second-time winner of the PACO Concerto Competition, is a junior at Monta Vista High School and is currently co-principle of the second violins in PACO. In addition to being a part of the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra, Veronica has played with the Monta Vista Chamber Orchestra for three years and plans to continue for her fourth and final year next year. She has participated in numerous musical tours, including traveling to Europe with PACO and to Southern California with the Monta Vista Chamber Orchestra — which is preparing for its upcoming tour to Hawaii the following year. Veronica currently studies violin with Ron Waibel. Veronica is also active in both school services and extracurricular activities, a few being a Link Leader at her school and the president of Monta Vista's Tri-M Music Honor Society. In addition, Veronica enjoys playing sports, math, and having fun with her friends. She lives with earphones in her ears and also serves regularly in her community.

Stephen Lai is the son of James and Mary Lai. He has an older brother, Chris, who is enrolled in the University of California, San Diego. Stephen has been playing the viola with PACO for three years and currently studies with Ms. Minsook Kang. Stephen's favorite pastimes are gaming with friends, and sleeping. Other hobbies of his include long-boarding, reading, and eating. Stephen is currently attending the eighth grade at Egan Junior High School in Los Altos.

Born in January 1994, Jennifer Kim has played the violin for nine years. The last seven years she has been studying with Mrs. Jenny Rudin. She joined PACO in 2005, and has soloed with Prep in 2006. This summer Jennifer will be going to Korea on tour with the KAMSA Korean Youth Symphony. She currently is the middle school president at Milpitas Christian School and is also in the Middle School Honor Choir alto section. In the fall, she will be attending Notre Dame High School in downtown San Jose. Jennifer plans to continue playing the violin throughout high school and college as well as compete around the Bay Area. In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys spending time with her friends, photography, swimming, playing volleyball, and running. Having achieved her black belt in Taekwon Do in the summer of 2006, she hopes to continue training as well as teaching younger students.

About PACO

Founded in 1966, the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra is composed of the Bay Area's most talented musicians chosen by competitive auditions. The young musicians typically enter the PACO organization at the "Superstrings" level, moving up through the Preparatory, Debut, Sinfonia and Senior PACO orchestras. One of the few youth orchestras in the nation devoted exclusively to chamber music, PACO has participated in many international music festivals, toured worldwide by special invitation and accomplished frequent recordings. For more information, visit our website www.pacomusic.org or call (650) 856-3848.

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