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President's Message

Greetings! KAMSA's purpose is to promote the musical careers of young Korean-Americans. Our efforts are heavily supported by contributions made by the Korean community. We also have our ten hard-working, voluntary members of the Board of Directors who are responsible for organizing all of KAMSA's events which include showcasing many wonderful guest musicians, conductors and dedicated orchestra members.

For over two decades, KAMSA has delighted Bay Area audiences with exciting works and programs. This year features Maestro Ki-Sun Sung, who has conducted many ensembles around the world including the National Symphony (Washington, D.C.). He was the youngest participant and second place winner at the Pedro Freitas de Branco conducting competition in Lisbon. An accomplished violist, Mr. Sung played principal viola under Leonard Bernstein at the Pacific Music Festival in Japan. He earned degrees from the Curtis Institute, the Juilliard School and Seoul National University. As a result of his artistic achievement, the Korean government named him Young Musician of the Year in 2004. Currently, he is a professor in conducting and viola performance at Ewha University. KAMSA is honored to have Maestro Sung take up the baton for us this year, and we look forward to enjoying the upcoming performances under his musical leadership.

On behalf of all our proud Board of Directors, I extend a hearty thank you to Maestro Sung, the Consulate General of Korea in San Francisco, Overseas Koreans Foundation, The Korea Times San Francisco and other media, as well as all the other supporters who have been there for us over twenty-four years, including our musicians, their parents, and the community as a whole. We appreciate your continued attendance, comments and support of the Korean-American Music Supporters' Association.

Mela Hwang
President, KAMSA

2013 KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra

In 2013, the orchestra will be performing under the direction of Maestro Ki-Sun Sung on August 24, 2013.

For details about the auditions, please check the web site www.kamsa.org, or contact Young Sun Shin at youngshin65@yahoo.com

Meet the 2013 KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra Conductor



Ki-Sun Sung, Conductor

Since his formal conducting debut at age 17, conductor and violist Ki-Sun Sung has conducted many ensembles around the world including the National Symphony (Washington, D.C.), New Jersey Symphony, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Carlos Chavez Sinfonica, New Amsterdam Symphony, Philharmonische Staatsorchester Halle, Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra, Nova Filarmonia Portuguesa and most of the important Korean orchestras. He was invited by Daniel Barenboim to be Apprentice Conductor of the Chicago Symphony where he rehearsed the ensemble and worked extensively with the maestro. He was the youngest participant and second place winner at the Pedro Freitas de Branco conducting competition in Lisbon, Portugal, with a prize that included an invitation to lead four performances with the Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra.

An accomplished violist, Mr. Sung has performed extensively as a viola soloist, chamber musician, and orchestra player. He played principal viola under Leonard Bernstein at the Pacific Music Festival in Japan. He earned degrees from the Curtis Institute, the Juilliard School and Seoul National University.

From 2000 to 2006, he served as the faculty member of the Juilliard School. As a result of his artistic achievement, the Korean government named him as Young Musician of the Year 2004. Currently he is the professor in conducting and viola performance at Ewha University.

He enjoys Zen meditation and believes that music is one of the strongest God-given tools that can unite people and bring peace to the world.



2013 KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra Auditions

The application and requirements can be found on the KAMSA web site: www.kamsa.org

Dates & Times: Friday, April 26, 2013, 4pm-7pm
Saturday, April 27, 2013, 12pm-6pm
Location: Onnuri Church of San Jose
890 Meridian Way, San Jose, CA
Deadline: April 15, 2013

2013 KAMSA Young Artist Competition

The application and requirements can be found on the KAMSA web site: www.kamsa.org

Date & Time: Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9am-12pm
Location: Onnuri Church of San Jose
890 Meridian Way, San Jose, CA
Deadline: April 15, 2013

23rd Anniversary KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra Performance



On September 1, 2012, the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra celebrated KAMSA's 23rd anniversary under the direction of Maestro Jindong Cai. The performance included stirring renditions of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" and Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite." Soloist Kijoon Baeg performed Chausson's Poeme on the violin and soloist Kijun Sung played Haydn's Oboe Concerto in C Major. Everyone who participated enjoyed an evening of wonderful music together.



2013 Korean-American Young Musician Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's KAMSA Scholarship recipients:



Daniel K. Baeg, Won Young Cheong, MyungGeun Chi, Songyi Chun, Hannah Huh, Da Eun Kim, Jessica Kim, Nayeon Kim, Young Sun Kim, Elizabeth Lee, Grace Lee, Yeseon Lee, Kevin Lim, JaeWon No, Joshua Oh, Laura Son, Susan Whang, and Michelle Won.

Seniors at the 23rd KAMSA YSO Concert

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We wish them the best on their continuing musical journey.

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