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President's Message

This year, KAMSA will be in its 18th season of supporting young Korean-American musicians. It has been a very rewarding experience to see the growth of KAMSA in helping to connect the Korean-American community through music, and we will continue to help showcase internationally aspiring Korean-American musicians at San Francisco's Herbst Theatre to promote their careers. KAMSA will also keep up its annual Youth Orchestra concert with young, talented Korean-American musicians to inspire and enrich their lives through music along with social and cultural ties with the Korean-American community.

In July 2008, the Youth Orchestra is planning a trip to Korea! Not only will this be just a concert tour, but the Youth Orchestra will be participating in the prestigious summer music camp of the Muju Festival & Academy which is led by Maestro Nanse Gum. There are a lot of details to follow, but one thing for sure is that we will need to rely heavily on the strong support from KAMSA parents and the community.

We thank you for your dedicated support of KAMSA and its mission, and we further expect to continue this noble mission!

- Hyo Won Choi

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KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra Performs at the Walt Disney Concert Hall



Performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall

On August 26, 2006, the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra performed jointly with the Korean-American Youth Symphony of LA. Altogether 120 members from both Northern California and Southern California played to a standing ovation in front of 2500 appreciative listeners. Special guest Soma Trio performed along with three soloists, Hong Chun Youn (piano), Kevin Youk (tenor) and Grace Park (violin). The performance on the Disney stage was superb and it was a momentous, heart-felt experience for everyone who was able to attend.

Muju Festival & Academy

ORCHESTRA & ENSEMBLE

Nanse Gum Music Director **금난새**

낭만이 가득한 한여름밤, 또 하나의 즐거움!!!
무주리조트에서 만드는 특별한 콘서트~~
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Preliminary Information

Dates

Muju Festival & Academy Camp: July 20 ~ July 26, 2008
Korea Tour: July 27 ~ July 29, 2008

Audition

January 12, 2008 (tentative)
Onnuri Church, 890 Meridian Way, San Jose

*For more information about the trip, please check the web site:
www.kamsa.org*

*For more information about the Muju Festival & Academy, please check the web site:
www.euroasianphil.com*



KAMSA-sponsored Violin Recital

Featuring Violinist Joo Young Oh

On February 10, 2007, Joo Young Oh performed the following program at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco accompanied by Dmitriy Cogan on the piano.

- Introduction and Tarantella by Sarasate
- Meditation Thais by Massnet
- Tambourin Chinois by Kreisler
- Hungarian Dances No. 1, 4 & 5 by Brahms
- Zigeunerweisen by Sarasate
- Canzonetta by Tchaikovsky
- Polonaise Brillante in D by Wieniawski
- Nocturne No. 20 in C# minor by Chopin
- Carmen Fantasy by Sarasate



According to Kim Pan Kyung of the Korea Times, "The sound of the violin touched the audience's heart." In his review of Oh's performance, he said "On the rainy night of the 10th, where violin soloist Joo Young Oh was performing, it was more stormy inside Herbst Theatre than outside." For more information on this bright star, please visit his web site at www.jooyoungoh.com

In Memoriam

In March 2007, Dr. Ki-Hyun Kim, past President of KAMSA, passed away at the age of 84. Under his guidance, KASMA grew tremendously and we owe him our sincerest thanks. We will sorely miss him.

2007 KAMSA Annual Fund Raising Golf Tournament

The annual fund raising golf tournament was held on May 19, 2007, at the Moffett Golf Course. We would like to thank all who participated and raised funds to help our efforts in supporting our young musicians. The following prizes were awarded at the tournament:

KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra Performance

The 18th Youth Symphony Orchestra performed on August 25, 2007, at the Spangenberg Theatre in Palo Alto. Three soloists, Robert Oh (flute), Christine Chon (violin) and Dongjune Kim (piano) played with the orchestra.

For a list of the members of the of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra, please visit our web site: www.kamsa.org

| 2007 KAMSA Golf Tournament | |
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| Medalist : | 최 주남 |
| Champion: | 남자:천인필 여자:하문자 |
| 2nd | 이명희 |
| 3rd | 황우진 |
| Longest | 박선흠 |
| Closest to Pin: | 남자:김신호 여자:공영미 |



The Members of the 18th Youth Symphony Orchestra

We would like to congratulate the following graduating seniors who won our scholarship:

Kevin Cho, Bellarmine College Prep.
Sean Choi, Leigh High
Christine Chon, Monta Vista High
Elaine Higashi, Presentation High
Stephanie Kim, The Harker School
Sejin Kwag, The Harker School
Jenny Kwon, The Harker School
Kyung Chan Min, Monta Vista High
Robert Oh, The Harker School
Brian Paak, Leland High
Jessica Ryou, Los Gatos High
April Seo, Evergreen Valley High
Janet So, Gunn High
Jeremy Tan, Bellarmine College Prep.
Walter Yoon, Bellarmine College Prep.

The KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra Experience

I thank the KAMSA organization for giving me the opportunity to participate in this orchestra. The experience was something that I will treasure for the rest of my life. For example, playing in the Walt Disney Hall is something that I could never forget. – *Kevin Cho*

Overall, KAMSA has been an extremely enjoyable experience. It gave me a chance to play with other Korean-American musicians and bond with them. My most memorable experience was going to Disney Hall with my peers and being able to have fun with them outside of rehearsals. I recommend having KAMSA go on more trips, even though that would be very difficult to organize. However, I feel that going on the trip was what allowed the group to bond the most. – *Robert Oh*

Even after a couple years of playing with KAMSA, I am still impressed that such a group of dedicated volunteers and supporters continue to encourage young Korean-American musicians in the Bay Area. The devotion of the organization's conductors, parents, and volunteers serve as a testament to the closely-knit Korean-American community and its desire to further the developmental growth of its youth. – *Walter Yoon*

Most of my high school friends are Chinese. KAMSA gave me a chance to meet people who share my language and culture. My most memorable experience was our concert at Walt Disney Concert Hall and hanging out with friends in LA. KAMSA will be a great experience for anyone who joins. – *Brian Paak*

What I loved most about KAMSA is the depth in which we read into professional level music – both in technicality and in musicality – despite the fact that we are a youth orchestra, and that we have a mere week to rehearse with the conductor. Maestro Bae treated us like adults, but more importantly like family. I greatly appreciated his mindset to draw out the best in us, which paid off in the concert when we played phenomenally. – *Stephanie Kim*

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