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Mahalo MR. JO!

Mr. Lance Jo, MYPO's fearless conductor since its inception in 2005, has retired from leading the Philharmonic Orchestra. We are so sad to let him go, but must honor his wishes to step down. For the past 12 years, Mr. Jo has faithfully and tirelessly led the young musicians of MYPO each week and each year, giving himself fully to teaching the young musicians of Maui. We are grateful that he will continue to be a part of the MYPO Board of Directors as we treasure his guidance and input. Mr. Jo will be on a trip when MYPO begins this year but

will visit when he gets back at the end of September. Please express your thanks and appreciation for him when you see him. More to come soon.



MYPO welcomes Michelle Romero-Ancheta to the Board of Directors!

We are extremely happy to announce that Michelle Romero-Ancheta has joined the MYPO Board of Directors. Michelle is one of the four "Romero Sisters" who were the only ones playing string instruments while growing up on Maui! She played the cello in the Hawaii Youth Symphony on O'ahu in high school and studied privately with Beverly LeBeck.

Michelle continues to perform with the Maui Pops Orchestra, the Maui Chamber Orchestra and is a freelance cellist playing for many special events, weddings, etc. When Michelle isn't playing the cello, she is a full-time nurse at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. Michelle is passionate about MYPO and wants the very best for the young musicians in the Maui County. We are looking forward to working with Michelle and are grateful that she has agreed to join the Board of Directors. Welcome and mahalo Michelle!

- ♪ **1st MYPO Philharmonic rehearsal is Saturday, September 2, 2017 from 9-11:15 a.m. Baldwin Band Room.**
- ♪ **Violin Classes begin on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Baldwin Music Room.**
- ♪ **Beginning Violin 9 a.m.— 9:45 a.m.**
- ♪ **Experienced Violin 10-10:45 a.m.**
- ♪ **BEGINNING CELLO CLASSES start on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 11-11:45 am in the Music Rm (outside of Baldwin Band Rm.)**



MYPO Violinists L to R: Stacie Saito, Nicole Yuzon, Briana Espino and Mona Mutzenberg perform the Halsey Stevens Violin Quartet for the Ebb and Flow Arts Violin Synergy Masterclasses on August 5, 2017. Photo by Gail Saito

Current and former MYPO Violinists taught and coached by 1st violinists from the San Francisco Symphony

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, MYPO violinists Nicole Yuzon, Stacie Saito, Mona Mutzenberg and Briana Espino participated in the Ebb and Flow Arts Violin Synergy Festival. For the ensemble Masterclass, *Continued on next column.*

they performed movements II and III of the Halsey Stevens piece for Violin Quartet. Following their performance, 1st violinists of the San Francisco Symphony, Sarn Oliver and Mariko Smiley, both coached the girls bringing greater musicality and richness to their playing individually and as an ensemble. Nicole, Stacie and Briana also participated in the Solo Masterclass: Nicole skillfully performed a portion of the Mozart Violin Concerto in D major, Stacie confidently, yet sweetly played the Sarabande in g minor and Briana boldly brought an exciting rendition of the last movement of Oscar Reiding's Concerto in b minor. *Continued on next page.*



Former MYPO violinist Kisa Uradomo plays the 1st movement of the Brahms Violin Sonata in A major. Kisa currently studies the violin at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

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Kisa Uradomo, one of MYPO's original violinists, (member of MYPO from 2005-2015) lusciously played her heart out with such a rich and beautiful tone! We are so proud of Kisa and happy to see her back on Maui for the summer. Kisa is an outstanding, who studies the violin at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY is a role model for many young Maui musicians.

In addition to being coached as an ensemble and as soloists, the girls were very fortunate to have a 30 minute private lesson with Mariko Smiley.

Mahalo nui loa to Robert Pollock and Ebb and Flow Arts for inviting us to participate in this vast music educational experience! In addition to sponsoring all of the coaching and private lessons, Ebb and Flow also sponsored and provided a wonderful accompanist,! Mahalo to Mira Feldman for accompanying all of the students and Rona Landrigan for coaching the MYPO Quartet on the Halsey Stevens piece. We appreciate all of you!

BEGINNING CELLO!

Keani Kahuhu, a graduate of Kamehameha Schools Maui and Azusa Pacific University (BM in Cello Performance) will be teaching Beginning Cello to students ages 7-14. Space is limited to 10 students. 1st class on Oct. 14, 2017 11a.m. to 11:45 a.m. More info to come.

**NO AUDITIONS FOR PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
2017-2018**

There will be **no auditions** for entrance into the orchestra this year. In lieu of auditions, we will be asking for a teacher recommendation. Please print out the Teacher Recommendation Form attached to this email and ask your student's school music instructor, private lesson teacher, etc if they could help by fill out the simple form. Here are the necessary steps:

A) Download the audition music for 2016-2017 and begin practicing this. While there will not be an auditions for entrance, we will be having seating auditions the second week of October on this music.

B) Please ask your music teacher to recommend you to be a part of MYPO if you are able to play the music from last year. If you are not quite up to that level BUT you are serious about practicing to attain that level, we still want you to join! I will also be sending this information to all band and music teachers I have on our list. If you are not sure if your teacher is on our list, please send me an email with their address.

C) Register online at www.mauiyouthphilharmonic.org. The website should be updated by the end of next week. If it is done sooner, I will let you know.

D) The tuition and registration fee will remain the same for 2017-2018.

E) Additional guidelines and expectations will also be on the website by next week. Please print, read, sign and bring to rehearsal.

F) Fill out MYPO Medical Form attached and online. Please bring this to the first rehearsal.

INVITE YOUR MUSICIAN FRIENDS TO JOIN THE ORCHESTRA!

****First Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsal is on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 from 9-11:15 am. Baldwin Band Room.****

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