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South Bay Youth Orchestra to Perform at El Camino College

El Camino College and American Honda will present the 18th Annual "South Bay Family Concert" featuring the South Bay Youth Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra at 8 p.m. May 13 in the El Camino College Marsee Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near Torrance.

This year, the South Bay Youth Orchestra will present the young Hawaiian ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro who will perform music from his recent CD "Dragon" with the orchestra, as well as selections from his other CDs. In addition, Hawaiian dancers from the Hula School of Keali'i Ceballos will perform.

Also performing on the program are the winners of the South Bay Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition: Martha Kleiner on the oboe and Matt Karatsu on trombone.

Other music on the program features works from composers such as William Walton, Ottarino Respighi, and Robert Smith; in addition to music by South Bay Youth Orchestra directors William Doyle and Bruce Tellier, among others.

Tickets cost \$26 and \$22 and all proceeds will benefit the South Bay Youth Orchestra Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at the Marsee Auditorium Ticket Office, open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday. Charge-by-phone: 310-329-5345, or toll-free 1-800-832-ARTS.

The South Bay Youth Orchestra is open to all middle, junior and senior high school students who play string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. College credit is available and there is no tuition for any student who has been a California resident for at least one year.

Auditions, which are held once a year, are scheduled from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and 7. Appointments are required; no walk-in auditions can be accepted.

Prospective members are invited to call 310-660-3717, Ext. 2 and make an appointment beginning Aug. 7. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 and are set for every Wednesday night in the Marsee Auditorium. Free parking passes will be available from the SBYO staff for parents and students.