

## : WELCOME

### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are so pleased to welcome you to the Pacific Symphony's 2007-2008 Family Musical Mornings Concerts, presented by Farmer's & Merchant's Bank!

These concerts are an entertaining and educational way to



introduce your children to classical music. The OrKIDStra Club newsletter is created as an enhancement to the Family Musical Mornings Concert Series and its mission is to provide your child with fun activities and information to help them prepare for and enrich their concert experience. The newsletter is intended for

parents to share with their children, but older readers may enjoy doing the activities on their own as well.

Before you attend the first concert of the 2007-2008 season, you may have questions about the Family Musical



Mornings concert experience. Please refer to the information below for helpful hints and tips to help you make the most of your concert experience.



We look forward to meeting you and your child at our Family Musical Mornings this season. Enjoy playing and listening along with your child!

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Where Will The Concerts Take Place?



The Family Musical Mornings Concerts will be held in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, the home of the Pacific Symphony! We are so excited to present our concerts in this wonderful performance space. This concert hall was designed specifically for the enjoyment of great music. [Click here for more information about our wonderful new home!](#)

## How Do I Get To The Concert Hall?

### Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall 615 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

We have created detailed directions from all over Orange County, including where to park and how to get to the concert hall from the parking structures. [Click here for directions and maps.](#)



## What Should I Expect At The Concert?



When you arrive at the concert hall, a ticket-taker will electronically scan your ticket and then give you the direction to your seats. A volunteer greeter will then give you a concert program full of interesting information about the concert. If you arrive at the concert hall more

than fifteen minutes before the concert starts, please visit the Musical Treasure Hunt, see description below.



Following your visit to the Musical Treasure Hunt, please move to your seats. It is best to be in your seats at least five minutes prior to the start of the concert, as to avoid blocking people as you move to your seat. If you arrive after the start of the concert, the ushers will let you

know an appropriate time to go to your seats. While waiting for the concert to start, feel free to peruse the concert program. Your child will find interesting information about the concert inside.



The concerts are approximately 45 minutes long with no intermission. Each concert is comprised of many short pieces of music and the conductor, Michael Hall, explains each piece before it is played. There are several opportunities during the concert for children to react to the music or perhaps even dance in their seats! If your child becomes fussy, you are encouraged to take him/her into the lobby. You will still be able to hear the music.

## When Should I Applaud?

The Pacific Symphony Musicians love applause! If your child is new to the concert experience, here are a few tips:

- Applaud when the concertmaster and conductor enter the stage.
- Applaud at the end of each piece when the conductor turns around to face the audience.
- Standing ovations are always welcome at the end of the concert!

## What Is The Musical Treasure Hunt?



The Musical Treasure Hunt is a **FREE** opportunity for families to participate in fun and engaging hands-on activities at **9am** prior to the first concert or at **12:15pm** following the second Family Musical Mornings experience.

The Musical Treasure Hunt is located outdoors, in the plaza in front of the Renée and Henry Segerstrom

Concert Hall and features a choice of games and exhibits in which to participate. As the Musical Treasure Hunt is located outdoors, you may want to wear a sweater or light jacket to the concert.



## Can I Buy Souvenirs?

Yes! You will find a wonderful assortment of gifts and souvenirs at the Symphony Boutique tables from cuddly stuffed animals to cozy sweatshirts on the Plaza level lobby at the concert.

## What Do You Offer For My Older Children?

If you have other children who feel too old for the Family Musical Mornings Concerts, but you still want them to attend the Symphony, you might try our Classical Connections Concerts. These four Saturday afternoon concerts are shorter than a typical Classics Concert and are performed in a more casual manner.

Carl St.Clair, Pacific Symphony's Music Director, conducts music from the previous Classics Concert and speaks with the audience about the music. Often guest artists join Carl on stage and answer questions from the audience. Carl's in-depth look at the music makes this concert series one of our most popular. [Click here for more information on the Classical Connections Series.](#)

## What Else Can We Do Between Concerts?

There are many ways you can help your child learn more about Classical music or prepare for the Family Musical Mornings. Below are some websites produced by musical organizations from across the country. They have excellent resources such as

musician interviews, composer biographies, and musical instrument information. Here are a few to look at:

**Younger Children:**

- [www.playmusic.org](http://www.playmusic.org)
- [www.dsokids.org](http://www.dsokids.org)
- [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org)
- [www.nyphilkids.org](http://www.nyphilkids.org)
- [www.sfskids.org](http://www.sfskids.org)
- [www.creatingmusic.com](http://www.creatingmusic.com)
- [www.laco.org/kids/index.html](http://www.laco.org/kids/index.html)

**Older Children:**

- [www.soyouwanna.com/site/syws/classical/classical.html](http://www.soyouwanna.com/site/syws/classical/classical.html)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/music/profiles](http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/profiles)
- [www.fromthetop.org](http://www.fromthetop.org)
- [www.hilaryhahn.com/journal.shtml](http://www.hilaryhahn.com/journal.shtml)

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