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presents
Pacific Symphony's Family Musical Mornings

HALLOWEEN AND FABULOUS FALL FESTIVALS

Saturday, Oct. 21 @ 10 a.m.

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Jacob Sustaita, conductor
Joy Regullano, scriptwriter
Nick Luciano, stage director
Pacific Symphony

Joy Regullano, Tori
Vince Yap, Sam
Jesse Esparaza, Tony
Amita Batra, Diya
Rachel Oliveros-Catalano, La Catrina
Moises Vazquez, guitar
Israel Medina, bass
Alen Hansen, percussion
Chinese Dance Company of Southern California—
Cheer Pan, co-founder and executive director
Ella He, guzheng
Members of Arpana Dance Company—
Ramya Harishanker, artistic director
Nandini Kannan, Yashna Nandan &
Amrithabala Janahan, dancers
Aashray Harishankar, keyboard
Ravi Deo, tabla
Kiran Athreya, violin
Sattvik, mridangam
Vini Sundaram, vocalist

La Catrina costume, Gina Davidson

PROGRAM

JOHN WILLIAMS	"Hedwig's Theme" from <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> Suite
SAINT-SAËNS	Danse macabre, Op. 40
GRIEG	<i>In the Hall of the Mountain King</i> from <i>Peer Gynt</i> Suite No. 1
WENPING LI	<i>Jasmine Flower</i> Chinese Dance Company of Southern California
TRADITIONAL Arr. B. HE	<i>Yi Dance</i> Ella He, guzheng Chinese Dance Company of Southern California
LI	<i>Spring Festival Overture</i> Chinese Dance Company of Southern California
AMPARO OCHOA Arr. J. ROACH	"La Llorona" Rachel Oliveros-Catalano, vocalist
TRADITIONAL	"La Calaca" "La Bruja" Rachel Oliveros-Catalano, vocalist Moises Vazquez, guitar Israel Medina, bass Alen Hansen, percussion
AASHRAY HARISHANKAR	<i>Kalpataru</i> Aashray Harishankar, keyboard Ravi Deo, tabla Kiran Athreya, violin Sattvik, mridangam Vini Sundaram, vocalist
JOHN WILLIAMS	<i>Harry's Wondrous World</i>

Thank you to our community partners and their amazing organizations! Their collaboration has been central to the creation of this special concert, and to the interactive activities in our lobby.

**Sara Guerrero, Founding Artistic Director,
Breath of Fire Latina Theater Ensemble**

Harish Murthy, Executive Director, Ektaa Center

**Rachel Wang, Director Community
Engagement, South Coast Chinese Cultural
Association/Irvine Chinese School**

*Performance at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts
Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall*

WELCOME TO THE 2023-24 SEASON

Dear Friends,

Good morning and welcome! We have an awesome new season of **Family Musical Mornings Concerts** created just for you, and I am looking forward to sharing some thrilling musical adventures with you this year.

I am your conductor, **Jacob Sustaita**, and I am honored to share the stage with the fantastic **musicians** of **Pacific Symphony** and some wonderful guests who are here to help us present our first concert of the season—**HALLOWEEN AND FABULOUS FALL FESTIVALS**.

This morning, we are going to do something we have never done before—our concert is a celebration of all types of Fall traditions and festivities like **Halloween**, **Día de los Muertos**, **Mid-Autumn Festival**, and **Diwali**. Whatever your background, everyone will enjoy and be moved by the music, songs, instruments, and magic of today's concert.

This morning we **spotlight** our **GUEST MUSICIANS** and the **INSTRUMENTS** they play. I wonder what instrument you like the most. What is it about that instrument that you like so much? Since I'm a conductor, my favorite instrument is the **ORCHESTRA** (ALL THE INSTRUMENTS).

I hope you came dressed up and ready to have a great time! I hope to see you all at our next concert—**NUTCRACKER for KIDS!** This is going to be a great season, and I am so happy that you are joining us! From all of us at Pacific Symphony—**thank you** for your support and **we hope you enjoy!**



Always,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob Sustaita'.

Dr. Jacob Sustaita
Assistant Conductor



ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR

Jacob Sustaita
Assistant Conductor for Pacific Symphony
Music Director for Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra
Mary E. Moore Family Assistant Conductor Chair

Dr. Jacob Sustaita serves as the Assistant Conductor for Pacific Symphony and Music Director Carl St.Clair, a position he has held since the fall of 2020. Dr. Sustaita also serves as Music Director and Conductor for Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra (PSYO), the premier training orchestra of Orange County, recognized as one of the most outstanding youth orchestras in the country.

Dr. Sustaita is the newly appointed Orchestra Director for the Orange County School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra. In the fall of 2021 and 2022, Sustaita served as Acting Director of Orchestras at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University Long Beach (CSULB). From 2015-20, he led the Sam Houston State University Symphony, Chamber, Ballet, and Opera Orchestras as Director of Orchestral Studies. In 2016, Sustaita and the Symphony Orchestra performed the

American premiere of Anton Bruckner's Symphony No. 1 (original Linz version) with high praise from the American and European Bruckner Societies.

Dr. Sustaita is a frequent guest conductor and clinician across the country. In 2015, Sustaita was selected by Carnegie Hall's Weill Institute to serve as Assistant Conductor for Charles Dutoit and the National Youth Orchestra of America (NYO). Sustaita regularly conducted and coached the orchestra during its New York residency and on their seven-city tour of China and Hong Kong.

A native of Texas, Sustaita completed his Doctorate and Bachelor of Music degrees at the University of Houston, where he served as Assistant Conductor for the Moores Opera Center for three seasons. He also earned a Master of Music degree from both Penn State University and Rice University.

His honors include: Schissler Conducting Fellowship, Rice University Prize and Provost Fellowship, and American Prize semi-finalist and finalist. His teachers and mentors include Carl St.Clair, Charles Dutoit, Franz Krager, Brett Mitchell, Gerardo Edelstein, and Paavo Järvi.