

Our Dream:

A World of Music for

Every Child

One of the biggest passions

in Maestro Pak's life is music education. "Teaching has been a part of my professional music career from the beginning. I simply cannot fathom a world without music education in the schools," he says.

Music education has always been a high priority for members of the San Diego Chamber Orchestra, as evidenced by the many music education programs initiated and implemented in local schools since its founding 25 years ago, but we're gearing up to make this the best season ever. We've even added a new position on our staff to focus on education/outreach.

We can think of no better way to celebrate this Silver Anniversary season than by kicking off one of the most extensive elementary music programs in the San Diego area this fall, the **Frances Hunter Music Memory Program**, named in honor of one of the most ardent supporters of music education in the schools and of our Orchestra. This nationally acclaimed program will focus on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders in the San Diego City Schools and many other San Diego County School Districts. The students will be listening to 16 pieces of music each year and teams of students will compete in a "Music Bee" contest at the end of the year, hosted by the San Diego Chamber Orchestra.



Jung-Ho Pak and Frances Hunter



"It is not just about notes on a page, but about bringing the music to life — giving them meaning and a purpose. Maestro Jung-Ho Pak is enormously gifted in his ability to stimulate young musicians in sharing his passion and love for music. He nurtures the hearts and souls of young performers through his unique approach to music education."

Ulli Reiner, orchestra director in the Poway Unified School District

As valuable as that program is, it's just one of many programs we're utilizing to help us realize our dream of providing a world of music for every child. We're also in the planning stages of partnering with local pop and rock stars for a concert devoted to the importance of arts in the schools.

Student ticket program

The San Diego Chamber Orchestra is proud to announce one of the most accessible student prices in the city. For only \$10, any student (including enrolled college students with a current student I.D.) can purchase tickets, based upon availability, for each concert downtown or in La Jolla.

Quick facts about our 2008 music education programs

- Maestro Pak conducted the only Orchestra Festival in the San Diego area (March 2008), in partnership with the California Music Educators Association
 - ~ Ten middle and high schools
 - ~ San Diego Chamber Orchestra musicians led Master Classes for the students
- Maestro Pak led an all-day workshop for all San Diego Unified School District orchestra teachers last season
- Maestro Pak led festivals in six middle and high schools in the San Diego area last season

Another fact of note:

Maestro Pak is the music director of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra and director of orchestras at the Interlochen Center for the Arts. The WYSO is one of the oldest and best known orchestras of its kind, as well as an international ambassador for the arts and peace.

"As a middle school violinist under the direction of Jung-Ho Pak, I learned to read 'between the lines' of the music and listen to the orchestra in a whole new way. I am grateful to Jung-Ho for showing me the power and the beauty that orchestral music can bring into my life."

Stephanie Snyder, violinist, Twin Peaks Middle School