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THE LA MIRADA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S YOUTH PROGRAM WILL ENGAGE STUDENTS FROM THE NORWALK/LA MIRADA SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH LIVE PERFORMANCES

La Mirada, CA (January 31, 2018) - Conductor **Alan Mautner** and selected students from the Norwalk-La Mirada School District Honor Band/Orchestra will perform with the La Mirada Symphony (LMS) for a pair of performances February 20 at the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts, with more than 2,000 participating district students.

Through LMS's Youth Program, the opportunity for students to perform with some of the best musicians in the world is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and serves to show students that anything is possible if they establish a goal and stay dedicated to achieving it.

"As an educator, music has always played an important role in the total education of young people," said **Pat Ruiz**, Chairperson of LMS's Youth Program. "This kind of program is a not an 'extra' in our children's curricula, but a necessity."

The concert will take place February 20, 2018 at the **La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts** located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, CA 90638. Performance times are 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

About The La Mirada Symphony

In 1961, creating a symphony for the community was the dream of **Blanche Nissim**, a La Mirada resident and concert pianist. She and a determined group of community advocates and local musicians united to make her dream a reality. Also known as the jewel of La Mirada, The La Mirada Symphony provides free concerts for residents who appreciated the cultural value of beautiful music in their lives and an opportunity for local musicians to share their talents.

About LMS's Youth Program

The La Mirada Symphony engages in active music participation of middle and high schoolers by connecting them with the Symphony. Through LMS's Youth Program, audiences are given opportunities to not only hear the sounds of all of the instruments on stage, individually and collectively, but also encouraged to participate on stage with the Symphony through instrumental musical performances. Many students have been inspired in past seasons to play instruments themselves and ready to add music to their curriculum at school.

For more information about The La Mirada Symphony, visit www.lamiradasymphony.com.

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