

Palisades Symphony Fact Sheet, 2010

Palisades Symphony, a non-profit community orchestra, has been performing in our community for 44 years. During this time, it has performed over 30 operas, over 90 major choral works with the orchestra (30 with the late choir director Frances Cain and 61 with the current choir director Susan S. Rosenstein), 40 Annual Young Artist Award Competitions and concerts in which the winning students perform, and about 120 symphonic concerts. All these concerts were and still are free of charge to the citizens of Pacific Palisades.

The orchestra was founded by its current music director Joel B. Lish and has continuously performed since then. The orchestra musicians and choir members donate their services, soloists, conductor, and choir director are paid an honorarium. With a budget of about \$28,000 the orchestra gives seven concerts a year: three with instrumental soloists, two oratorios with vocal soloists and the Brentwood-Palisades Chorale which is part of the symphony, a concert version of an opera, and a concert, in which winners of our Young Artist Competition perform.

The Symphony started under the auspices of Palisades Adult School. In the year 2009, the Adult School system had to cancel all art classes and orchestras for financial reasons. Since then, Palisades Symphony has been an independent orchestra. It is supported by contributions from members of the Pacific Palisades Community, orchestra and choir members, members of the audience who live in the surrounding areas, and local community organizations such as the Junior Women's Club and the Woman's Club of Pacific Palisades, as well as funds from our City Councilman Bill Rosendahl. Administrative issues of the orchestra handled by the volunteer Board of Directors.

The concerts with instrumental soloists are held at Palisades Charter High School. The operas are performed at the Palisades Lutheran Church, and the oratorios at the Pacific Palisades Community United Methodist Church. The orchestra very much appreciates the opportunity to rehearse and perform in those places.

Palisades Symphony is a non-profit tax exempt corporation with Public Benefit classification, our Federal Employer I.D. No. is 23-7092760. Contributions are welcome and may be sent to: Palisades Symphony Orchestra, Inc., Post Office Box 214, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. For further information, call Eva Holberg, President and Manager, at (310)454-8040.