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INTRODUCTION

KAMSA (Korean-American Music Supporters' Association, Inc.) has brought exceptional music to the community and inspired young musicians for more than thirty years. This brief article captures the essence of these achievements and details what is to come.

The first section tells the story of the "Exciting Present." It provides an introduction to KAMSA, its musicians, and its Board of Directors. More importantly, it pays tribute to the dedicated supporters who make it possible for KAMSA to fulfill its promise to our community.

The "Wonderful Past" is the next section. KAMSA was inspired by the enthusiasm, dedication, and tireless efforts of many people. Their stories are shared here.

Finally, the "Promising Future" is presented. Upcoming initiatives to promote classical music and support Korean-American musicians are introduced.

KAMSA is a not-for-profit organization, operated by a voluntary board of directors. The board manages finances, coordinates events, and operational tasks.

president's MESSAGE

KAMSA marked its 30th anniversary this year of enriching the Bay Area Korean-American community through quality musical activities. What started as a small group of people to support Korean-American



musicians has developed into a major organization to influence cultural activities in the SF Bay Area. For the last three decades, KAMSA promoted many young Korean musicians in the early stage of their career, who are now leading professionals in renowned institutions and stages.

KAMSA has educated more than a thousand of students through the KAMSA youth orchestra program. And since 2015, young musicians from all ethnic groups compete in the yearly KAMSA competition. As KAMSA celebrates 30 continuous years of service to the community, we consider its future.

In 30th anniversary concert last summer, KAMSA Youth Orchestra played the entire movements of Beethoven's 'Eroica' symphony, which has been described by James Hamilton-Paterson as: "Composition marked the beginning of Beethoven's innovative middle period. The work broke boundaries in symphonic form, length, harmony, emotional and cultural content. It is widely considered as a landmark in the transition between the Classical and the Romantic era."

This piece was a superb choice for an organization at a crossroad: as Beethoven went beyond known limits and started the new era, KAMSA should open up new possibilities for young musicians, and foster a renewed classical music performance culture in the community.

Jacquelin Choi, President



KAMSA TODAY

Korean-American Music Supporters' Association, Inc. (KAMSA) is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization registered with the State of California. It is based in the San Francisco-San Jose Bay Area, and is supported by contributions from the public and the community. Its purpose is to promote the careers of young Korean-American musicians. Its Board of Directors both set and execute policies. Since its founding in 1989, KAMSA has sponsored debut solo recitals by young Korean-American musicians, organized a youth orchestra consisting of Korean-American musicians, and presented the youth orchestra in annual concerts. In addition, it has rendered and continues to provide assistance to other organizations and individuals working for similar purposes via monetary contributions, ticket sales, and publicity.

Purpose

Koreans are well known for their love of music and their artistic talents. In the last few decades, many talented musicians of Korean heritage have been recognized in the international world of music. KAMSA was formed to help foster the next generation of talent by providing them with opportunities to perform in the Bay Area. In the more than thirty years since its founding, KAMSA has helped launch and support the careers of several musicians of Korean heritage.

For Korean-American musicians of high school age and younger, KAMSA also organizes a youth symphony orchestra. This orchestra was the first Korean-American youth orchestra in the United States. KAMSA provides these young opportunities to rehearse and perform under the direction of prominent conductors each year. This inspires and enriches their lives through music, while also building social and cultural ties within the Korean-American community.

THE EXCITING

Present

ORGANIZATION

Korean-American Music Supporters' Association, Inc. (KAMSA) was formed in 1989 by Kee Hyun Kim, Chyon Sue Park, and Kenneth Lee. They applied for and obtained the certificate of incorporation from the Secretary of State, California on August 29, 1989, for the Association, with Kenneth Lee, attorney-at-law, acting on behalf of KAMSA. Its bylaws were drawn up in 1990 by an adhoc group consisting of George Geunsoo Kim, Kee Hyun Kim, Chyo Sue Park, Kenneth Lee, Susan Ha, Jongbin John Kim, Sung Ryull Cho, Kichung Kim, and Yoong Bae. According to the drafted by-laws, the first slate of the Board of Directors was formed and KAMSA went into operation. It obtained a federal tax-exempt status in May 1991. In the year 2002, Esra Jung, attorney, reviewed and renewed the bylaws and the federal tax-exempt status.

According to the bylaws, policies of KAMSA are set and executed by the Board of Directors. Directorship is voluntary; there are no paid employees. The board members, Directors, are elected by the Board, except for the first Board. The Board consists of no more than 15 Directors. The Officers, the members of the Board of Directors, or their relatives, are not to receive any benefit or preferential treatment in carrying out the policies of KAMSA. All decisions of the Board are made according to the principles of democracy and openness.

The founding members of the Board of Directors were George Kim, Kee Hyun Kim, Sue Park, Kenneth Lee, Susan Ha, John Kim, Yoong Bae, and Davis Moon. Kee Hyun Kim was elected President, Susan Ha, Secretary, and Sue Park, Treasurer.





THE PEOPE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jacquelin Choi, President 2013-Jeong Ja Song, Vice President 2007-Kasey Chung, Secretary 2007-Soo Kyoung Park, Treasurer 2002-Hyowon Choi 1992-2011, 2017-Myung Hee Lee 2014-Won Duck Park 2013-Young Sun Shin 2011-Kyung-Seon Stumpf 2016-Hye Min Yun 2019 -

THE EXCITING Present

Presidents of The Board

1990 - 1992
1992 - 1993
1993 - 1995
1995 - 1997
1999 - 2003
2003 - 2007
2008 - 2011
2012 - 2014
2015 - 2016
2017 - 2018
2019 -



THE STORY OF KAMSA

KAMSA was formed to provide the opportunities to young Korean-Americans in their career in music. Since its formation in 1989, KAMSA had two distinct event annually a debut concert and a youth orchestra concert. This youth orchestra is the first Korean-American youth orchestra in the united States.

THE PEOPLE

Youth Symphony Orchestra Conductors



Hyun-Jin Yun 2018-2019

Leo Eylar

2015-2017



Nanse Gum 2008-2009



Jong Hoon Bae 2005-2007





Won Mo Kim 2004



Jung Ho Pak 1992-1993



James Song 2001-2002



Lawrence Kohl



Hyowon Choi 1996-1997





Samuel Kyusam Kim









Jindong Cai 2010-2012

Ki-Sun Sung

2013-2014





1998-2000





Myung E. Hong

THE WONDERFUL Past

Joyce Ham
Charles Huh
James Kim
Christine Kwak
Samantha Seo
John Yi

2010 Tony Bae Henry Chang Ashley Huh Nicky Hwang Jacqueline Lee

Michelle Lee

Jesse Yoon

2011 Jeonghwan(James) An

Anne Chang
Cuepil Choi
Samuel Choi
Jisoo Han
Michael Kang
Jennifer Kim
Sophia Kim
Ivan Lee

Michael Lee Serin Lee

SeWon(Rachelle) Min

Alice Park

2012
Daniel K. Baeg
Won Young Cheong
MyungGeun Chi
Songyi Chun
Hannah Huh
Da Eun Kim
Jessica Kim

Nayeon Kim
Young Sun Kim
Elizabeth Lee
Grace Lee
Yeseon Lee
Kevin Lim
JaeWon No

Susan Whang Michelle Won

Ioshua Oh

Laura Son

2013
Joshua Ham
Jay Kim
Jee Young Kim
Jung Woo Kim
Minji Kim
Albert Lee
Jennifer Lee
Joseph Lim
Sanha Lee
Hyun Seon Park
Hyung Park
Gina Rhee
Angela So

Kijun Sung

2014
Ashley Ahn
Jacqueline An
Nanjoo Jennie Bang
Alexander Kim
Sol Kim
Yun Seo Kim
Soonho Kwon
Damee Moon
Alice Lee
Joowon Lee
Yeona Lee
Alexander Oh
Jonathan Oh

Harry Yoon

2015
Sungwook Arthur Hwang
Andrew Kim
Dylan Kim
Erin Kim
Kayla Kim
Samuel Kim
Kristina Lim
Kristen Park

Cuebeom Choi Jaime An Jiho Choi Min Chul Cho Jae Hoon Choi Joyce Jang **Edward Kim** Diane Jo Jaehyun Kim Dong Hui Kim June Kim Nayoon Kim Gio Kim Youngmin Kim Daisy Lee Jason Moon **Edward Oh** Michelle Lee Hannah Park Sonya Lee Elliot Ryu Rachel Shin Yura Seo Kevin Sung **Chaeyeon Song Eugene Yang Dokyong Yun** Michelle Yoon

2017

2016

2018
Eugene Ahn
Junyoung (David) Choi
Jessica Jang
Semin Myung
Sejun Park
Hyunwoo Roh
Hannah Yoon

2019
Alexander Choi
Je-Woo Im
Seyon Kim
Subin Lee
Erin Park
Sung June Ryan Park
Sarah Yoon
Timothy Yoon







Inmo Yang Violin 2019

Livia Sohn

Joyce Yang

Patrick Jee

2011, 2003

Cello

Piano

2012

Violin

2014

Talea Piano Quartet



Joo Young Oh Violin 2007



Alyssa Park Violin 2006



Minsoo Sohn Piano 2004



Ju-Young Baek Violin 2002



Jiyoung Yi Kayageum 2001



Piano



Chee-Yun Kim Violin 1999, 1996



Byung-ki Hwang Kayageum 1998



Hyo-Shin Na Composer 1998



Soovin Kim Violin 1997



Yoon-Soo Lee Piano 1995



Jenny Lee Piano 1994



Catherine Ro Violin 1993



Eileen Moon Cello 1991



Youngsook Kim Piano 1990



Tongil Han Piano 1989





Richard Yongjae O'Neill Viola



Minyoung Lee 2000

KAMSA EVENTS

1989

Korean American Music Supporters' Association was established as a not-for-profit organization and registered in the State of California.

First recital of the pianist Tong-il Han at the Flint Center

Gala Christmas Concert at the Campbell Recital Hall in Stanford University: Kyung Hee Park, flute, Youngsook Kim, piano, and Ingul Oak, tenor.

1990

The 1st concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jung Ho Pak Youngsook Kim Piano Recital at the Herbst Theatre

1991

The 2nd concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Rev. Samuel Kyusam Kim Eileen Moon's Cello Debut Recital at the Herbst Theatre

1992

The 3rd concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jung Ho Pak

1993

The 4th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jung Ho Pak Debut Violin Recital of Catherine Ro at the Herbst Theatre

1994

The 5th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hyo-won Choi Debut Piano Recital of Jeanny Lee, the winner of the KAMSA National Competition, at the Herbst Theatre

1995

The 6th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Myung E. Hong Piano Recital of Yoon-soo Lee, the runner-up in the 1994 KAMSA National Competition

1996

The 7th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hyo-won Choi Violin Recital of Chee-Yun at the Herbst Theatre

1997

The 8th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hyo-won Choi West Coast Debut Recital of Soovin Kim, the winner of the 1996 Paganini Violin Competition

1998

The 9th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lawrence Kohl Concert presenting music by Korean-American composer Hyo-shin Na at the Herbst Theatre

1999

Gala Benefit Dinner Concert of violinist Chee-Yun at the Stanford Faculty Club The 10th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lawrence Kohl

2000

Gala Benefit Dinner Concert featuring pianist Minyoung Lee at the Stanford Faculty Club The 11th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lawrence Kohl

2001

Gala Benefit Dinner Concert of Gayageum player Jiyoung Yi at the Stanford Faculty Club The 12th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by James J. Song

2002

The 13th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by James J. Song West Coast Debut Recital showcasing violinist Ju-young Baek

2003

The 14th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jung Ho Pak West Coast Cello Debut Recital of Patrick Jee at the Herbst Theatre

2004

The 15th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Won-mo Kim West Coast Piano Debut Recital of Minsoo Sohn at the Herbst Theatre

2005

The 16th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jong Hoon Bae

2006

Benefit Recital performed by Alyssa Park at the Herbst Theatre The 17th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jong Hoon Bae at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles

2007

The 18th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jong Hoon Bae

2008

The 19th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra performed in the Muju Festival and Academy in Korea under the direction of Nanse Gum

2009

The 20th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Nanse Gum at the Herbst Theatre

2010

San Francisco Debut Recital of Richard Yongjae O'Neill at the Herbst Theatre The 21st concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jindong Cai

2011

Patrick Jee Cello Recital at the Community School of Music and Arts The 22nd concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jindong Cai

2012

Joyce Yang Piano Recital at the Visual & Performing Arts Center at De Anza College The 23rd concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jindong Cai

2013

The 24th concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Ki-sun Sung

2014

Livia Sohn Violin Recital at the Visual & Performing Arts Center at De Anza College The 25th Anniversary Gala Concert of KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Ki-sun Sung

2015

The 1st KAMSA Competition held for pre-college musicians
The 26th Concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leo Eylar

2016

The 2nd KAMSA Competition held for pre-college musicians The 27th Concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leo Eylar

2017

The 3rd KAMSA Competition held for pre-college musicians The 28th Concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leo Eylar

2018

The 4th KAMSA Competition held for pre-college musicians
The 29th Concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hyun-Jin Yun
Talea Piano Quartet Concert at the Community School of Music and Arts

2019

The 5th KAMSA Competition held for pre-college musicians
The 30th Concert of the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hyun-Jin Yun
Inmo Yang Violin Recital at the Visual & Performing Arts Center at De Anza College

JOURNEY TO THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL IN 2006

On August 26, 2006, the KAMSA Youth Symphony Orchestra performed jointly with the Korean-American Youth Symphony of Los Angeles. Altogether 120 members from both Northern California and Southern California played to a standing ovation in front of 2500 appreciative listeners. Special guest Soma Trio performed along with three soloists, Hong Chun Youn (piano), Kevin Youk (tenor) and Grace Park (violin). The performance on the Disney stage was superb and it was a momentous, heart-felt experience for everyone who was able to attend.





Tour of Korea in 2008

The Youth Orchestra participated in the Muju Festival and Academy between July 19 and July 26, 2008 in Muju, Korea, with other gifted musicians from throughout Korea. They were coached by members of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Euro-Asian Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of maestro Gum Nanse. They performed in several concerts, including an outdoor concert attended by four thousand appreciative audiences. The festival was also televised on nationwide cable TV in Korea. After the Festival, the youth group visited museums, the National Assembly, and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Korea.





THE WONDERFUL Past

KAMSA Music Competition

KAMSA Music Competition was founded in 2015 to provide opportunities to young musicians to cultivate and assess their artistic excellence.

KAMSA competition features selective judges and carefully designed programs,

growing diversity of ethnicity and the age range of the participants. KAMSA is committed to create an environment where youths learn to compete fairly and strive for their best.





KAMSA FUTURE

KAMSA is committed to supporting Korean-American musicians with hallmark events such as the Youth Orchestra concerts and the Debut Recitals. In particular, the Debut Recital provides an excellent occasion to share the artistry of world-class musicians that have captured our attention. In recent years, KAMSA has also offered an annual youth competition for strings, piano, and winds/brass. Winners are given the chance to perform in a recital and a monetary prize. By showcasing the skills and talents of these wonderful performers, KAMSA is able to further its goal of promoting music appreciation.

KAMSA will also continue to grow and extend its outreach by pursuing new and exciting opportunities. One example of such an opportunity is an exchange program between the KAMSA Youth Orchestra and other youth orchestras around the world. This program could include orchestras from Korea as well as other countries in Europe and Asia. Both youth orchestras would be able to exchange ideas, enhance

THE PROMISING Future

Another example would be to have a joint concert with other musical groups in the Bay Area.

This could happen in the company of a musical group of other ethnicities or of another Korean musical group or organization. This would provide an excellent chance for the Youth Orchestra members to interact with people from diverse backgrounds in their own community.

An additional goal of KAMSA is to keep the organization financially



POSTERS



