Dear BYO Supporter,

My orchestra, Berkeley Youth Orchestra (BYO), is in its 56th season and we are busily preparing for our first concert of our 2024/25 season! ***As we prepare, BYO’s annual Raise-A-Thon is running from November 2nd through December 13th and I’d love to have your support!***

There are many great reasons to support BYO and here are some of the most important to me:

* Our new conductor and artistic director, Sam Wilde has ***taken the reins at BYO this fall*** bringing 14 years of experience in music education. We are so lucky to have her continue BYO’s legacy of fostering community among young musicians in the Bay Area!
* We need to find a new performance venue for 2025, due to the loss of our longtime home at Laney College, where we rehearsed and performed for free for years. This will be a new ongoing expense for the orchestra to shoulder.
* Professional musicians coach sections of the orchestra at every rehearsal to help us perfect the music. They bring decades of experience and encourage us to be better musicians!
* Tuition only covers 70% of the orchestra’s budget and so your donations are essential in enabling us to provide scholarships to musicians whose families can’t afford to pay full tuition. ***Music is for everybody regardless of financial means!***
* ***BYO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible.*** BYO’s tax ID is 94-2270463 and the address is 1442A Walnut St. #449, Berkeley, CA 94709-1405.

This is our main fundraiser of the year with proceeds going to provide scholarships, professional coaching, and helping us meet other program needs. Our goal is to raise a total of $15,000 and with your help I can meet my $300 personal goal.

To donate, please go to <https://www.byoweb.org/raise-a-thon>, click the ‘Sponsor a BYO Musician!’ button, and select my name when making your gift. Alternatively, you can make a check out to BYO and include my name on the memo line. If you’d like to submit a pledge now and donate later please email/call/text me or mail me the form below.

Thank you in advance for your support and please join me for our concert on Saturday, November 16th in person or on our YouTube channel. More information can be found at [www.byoweb.org](http://www.byoweb.org).

Sincerely,

[musician’s name here]

(if donating with a check please return this form to me)

**2024 BYO Raise-A-Thon Pledge Form**

Musician’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per hour practiced (e.g. $1.00) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flat donation (e.g. $50)

If you’d like a receipt for your check donation, please include your email or mailing address below:

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