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# OAKLAND SYMPHONY PRESENTS NIGHT OUT: FIRE AND ICE TO BENEFIT OAKLAND SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

# SYMPHONIC MUSIC MEETS INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE ART, FIRE DANCERS, STILT WALKERS AND MORE!

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7, AT THE CRUCIBLE IN OAKLAND

Oakland, CA, March 30, 2016 – The acclaimed Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra partners with the industrial-chic performing artists of The Crucible in Oakland for *Night Out: Fire and Ice* – an evening of live music, fire dancers, stilt walkers, interactive booths, food and drink, games, an auction and more—all to benefit the Youth Orchestra as it prepares for its tour to Cuba in June. The event is schedule Saturday, May 7, at 7 pm at The Crucible, 1260 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland, and the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra is led by Michael Morgan, Music Director, and Omid Zoufonoun, Principal Conductor. The evening is sponsored by Bell Investment Advisors and Chevron. Tickets are priced \$90-\$550 and may be purchased at oaklandsymphony.org/nightout.

### **About the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra**

Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra is recognized as an outstanding Bay Area music program receiving numerous awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. The Youth Orchestra presents several classical and youth outreach concerts each season.

Consisting of nearly 90 talented music students (aged 12-22 years) from 46 schools and more than 30 cities in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Youth Orchestra is open by audition to all qualified young people from Bay Area schools. No musician is excluded for reasons of financial need.

Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra maintains a commitment to cultural exchange through international tours every three years. Touring destinations have included many countries in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Prior tours have also given students the opportunity to visit and perform in the Caribbean Islands, Costa Rica, Mexico, Cuba, Australia and New Zealand.