



## **The Orchestra**

A Symphony orchestra is a group of musicians who play mostly classical music and are led by a conductor. The orchestra is made up of four groups or “families” of instruments: Strings, Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion.

There are pictures and a discussion of all of the instrument families included in this packet.

### **About Oakland Symphony**

Founded in 1988, the Oakland Symphony is a critically acclaimed and community-focused regional orchestra dedicated to serving the diverse population of the East Bay.

Under the artistic leadership of Maestro Michael Morgan, the Oakland Symphony reaches over 60,000 people annually, with more than one-third of its operating budget dedicated to education and outreach programs. Performing on the concert stage of the historic Paramount Theater in downtown Oakland, the Oakland Symphony has become a positive force in bringing together the creative talents of diverse artists, performing arts organizations and audiences from all over the Bay Area. In June 2010, the Oakland Symphony joined in partnership with the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Oakland Symphony Chorus.

## **The Audience**

An Audience is a gathering of listeners. That's what every class is when they listen to their teacher give instructions- a good audience of listeners. Being a good listener is one of the most important ways to learn. When an audience goes to a concert, they have to keep their ears and eyes open. At the concert, they listen to the music that the orchestra performs, watch the musicians and take a musical memory home with them after the concert. Sometimes the memory of a musical event makes a good story to write down at school and share with family and friends.