



OAKLAND SYMPHONY GALA 2026

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WE RISE**

THURSDAY • APRIL 30 • 2026
THE BRIDGE YARD • OAKLAND

OPUS OAKLAND: 2026 GALA

An Unforgettable Evening Supporting Music,
Education, and Community

Thursday, April 30, 2026 | The Bridge Yard, Oakland - 6PM

Why It Matters:

- Premier fundraising event supporting **music education, community outreach, and innovative programming.**
- Celebrates cultural heritage and inclusivity in the arts, featuring performances by members of the **Oakland Symphony, Chorus, and Youth Orchestra.**



How Sponsorship Helps:

- **Expands Music Education:** Supports **MUSE (MUSIC for Excellence)**, providing instrumental training, and mentorship to over **20 OUSD schools**, serving over **1,400 youth annually**.
- **Empowers Young Artists:** The **Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra** offers performance opportunities, mentorship, and international tours to cultivate the next generation of musicians.
- **Expands Access Through Hall Pass:** Provides **complimentary concert tickets** to Title I school communities and historically marginalized groups, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to experience live orchestral music.
- **Enriches Cultural Representation:** Supports concerts and initiatives that amplify **underrepresented voices**, ensuring programs reflect Oakland's diverse communities.



Artistic Leadership

Meet Our Music Director – Kedrick Armstrong:

- Celebrated conductor bringing fresh artistic vision to the Symphony.
- Passionate about **music accessibility** and **diverse programming**.
- Led acclaimed performances integrating **jazz, classical, and contemporary works**.

“Armstrong and the orchestra were in glorious accord...The orchestra sounded as fine as it ever has... With more performances like this one, the lights will shine in bright affirmation...”

Steven Winn / San Francisco Chronicle



The Symphony's Legacy & Impact

A Rich Musical History:

- Founded in **1933**, the Oakland Symphony has been a pillar of the Bay Area arts community.
- **Calvin Simmons (1979–1982)**: The first African American conductor of a major U.S. orchestra, whose visionary leadership shaped the Symphony's inclusive artistic approach.
- **Michael Morgan (1991–2021)**: Led the Symphony for 30 years, deepening its commitment to diversity, education, and accessibility in the arts.
- **Kedrick Armstrong (2024-)**: Continuing this legacy, bringing innovative programming and community engagement to new heights.



Oakland Symphony's Mission:

TheOaklandSymphony, YouthOrchestra and Chorusbring together orchestral music, choral music and youth education to strengthen the Oakland/East Bay community by providing quality live performances, education for lifetime enrichment and the perpetuation of the performing arts.

Our Vision:

The Oakland Symphony aims to make classical music accessible, particularly to those individuals in the community who might otherwise never hear live symphonic music.



The Experience – Venue

The Venue – The Bridge Yard:

- Historic venue with panoramic waterfront views.
- Blends elegance with Oakland's rich cultural history.
- Creates a unique and unforgettable experience for sponsors and guests.



Audience & Brand Exposure:

- 400+ high-profile attendees: Business leaders, philanthropists, arts advocates.
- Brand visibility: Media, social media (50K+ followers), event signage.
- Exclusive engagement: Connect with Symphony supporters and patrons.

Get Involved & Contact Info

How to Partner with Us:

- Choose a sponsorship level that aligns with your company's values and goals.
- Join us in celebrating a night of music, culture, and community impact. Leverage branding and networking opportunities with our engaged audience.

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Thank You!

We appreciate your commitment to Oakland's vibrant arts community and look forward to celebrating this unforgettable evening with you!

