Dear BYO Supporter,

My orchestra, Berkeley Youth Orchestra (BYO), is in its 54th season and we are busily preparing for our first concert of our 2022/23 season! ***As we prepare, BYO’s annual Raise-A-Thon is running from October 15th through November 30th 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 Conductor and Artistic Director, Jay Lehmann, has been ***leading BYO since 1999*** and has dedicated his career to youth musical education. His enthusiasm for the orchestra and helping young musicians grow are a big part of what makes BYO special.
* 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 super important and enable 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 other program needs. Our goal is to raise a total of $21,000, and with your help I can meet my $300 personal goal.

To donate, please go to <https://www.byoweb.org/rat-checkout> 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 5th 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)

**2022 BYO Raise-A-Thon Pledge Form**

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

Supporter’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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