

# The Bakersfield Youth Symphony



The Bakersfield Youth Symphony Orchestra is a high-caliber, audition-only group of 80 youth 12-22 years of age and is led by Maxim Eshkenazy, who is considered “a rising star among today’s generation of young conductors.” The Bakersfield Youth Symphony performs three seasonal concerts annually. Students perform staples of the orchestral repertoire. This year they have an opportunity to share their talents internationally. BYSO, in collaboration with Bakersfield Sister City, will be traveling to Wakayama, Japan.

The Sister City Program grew out of a “People to People” project started in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. He reflected on his military background and came to the conclusion that there must be a better way to settle disputes between nations than going to war. He called a meeting of people from across the United States and charged them the job of finding a way to search for world peace through a cultural exchange program. Out of that challenge came the Sister City Program. Today, around the world, there are hundreds of Sister City affiliations bringing people together where friendships are formed, cultural understanding takes place, and long term community partnerships are formed.

The relationship between Bakersfield and Wakayama officially began on August 21, 1961, when the Bakersfield City Council adopted a resolution establishing a friendship with the City of Wakayama, Japan. This action was followed by Bakersfield Mayor Gene Winer appointing a People-to-People Steering Committee to oversee the Bakersfield-Wakayama Sister City relationship. Later, the Bakersfield Sister City Project Corporation was created. Bakersfield officials and citizens soon began traveling to our new Sister City, where they were overwhelmed by the friendly reception. In return, delegations from Wakayama began to visit Bakersfield, forming lasting friendships that continue to the present day. Since 1964 every mayor of Bakersfield has visited Wakayama, while every Mayor of Wakayama has visited Bakersfield.

The BYSO tour will be April 12-20, 2019 (Spring Break) and cost approximately \$2,800 per student. We have organized four fundraisers over the next couple of months to help students earn their way. We are looking for corporate sponsors to decrease the financial burden on our students. Your contribution will ensure that every student in the BYSO will be able to participate in this once in a lifetime educational experience.

Sincerely,

Bakersfield Youth Symphony Board of Directors

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## Sponsorship for Sister City Tour Wakayama, Japan

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Bakersfield Youth Symphony Orchestra  
1328 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A  
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

\$1,000-your name in every program of the 2018-2019 season

\$2,000-gets an additional verbal recognition over the microphone at all three concerts

\$5,000-above recognitions plus your corporate logo on trip shirts that will be worn and taken as gifts to Wakayama, Japan where students will be meeting with government officials representing Bakersfield, California, and The United States of America

\$10,000-all recognitions plus an ensemble can be arranged to perform at a corporate event

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