

AYS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF FREE CONCERTS WITH A CONCERT AND GALA ON APRIL 26, 2015, FEATURING VETERAN NY PHIL CONCERTMASTER GLENN DICTEROW AND VIOLIST KAREN DREYFUS

*Gala to honor Maestro Alexander Treger, Zarin Mehta on behalf of the Mehta family, and NBC Universal's Mike Knobloch. With Host Simone Porter and Auctioneer Tommy Lasorda!*

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The American Youth Symphony will commemorate 50 years of extraordinary music with a FREE Concert and fundraising Gala on April 26th at UCLA's Royce Hall.

After seventeen transformative years with AYS, Maestro Alexander Treger will be stepping down as the Music Director, and the 6pm Gala Concert will serve as his triumphant final performance with AYS. The program opens with Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, featuring guest soloists Glenn Dicterow, 34-year veteran Concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic, and acclaimed violist Karen Dreyfus. The concert will conclude with Tchaikovsky's magnificent Symphony No. 6, chosen by Maestro Treger to commemorate this momentous occasion.

6pm - Concert

[Alexander Treger](#), conductor / [Glenn Dicterow](#), violin / [Karen Dreyfus](#), viola  
**Mozart:** Sinfonia Concertante / **Tchaikovsky:** Symphony No. 6 "Pathétique"

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8pm - Gala Dinner

Musicians and music lovers gather under the stars in celebration of shared passions, for a magical evening to support the future of the American Youth Symphony!

As we celebrate the legacy of AYS, we honor Maestro Alexander Treger, Zarin Mehta (son of AYS founder Mehli Mehta) on behalf of the Mehta family, and NBC Universal's Mike Knobloch.

The gala will be hosted by rising star Simone Porter – a 2015 Avery Fisher Career Grant Winner and recent AYS alumna – and feature auctioneer Tommy Lasorda of the LA Dodgers!

Reserve for Dinner & Concert:

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The American Youth Symphony has been heralded as "the finest youth symphony on Earth" by KUSC's Jim Svejda. As one of the nation's leading pre-professional orchestras, the mission of AYS is to inspire the future of a timeless art form by sharing exceptional, innovative concerts based on its landmark training of musicians ages 15-27. The orchestra provides paid fellowships to musicians representing extraordinary talent from all over the world.

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