

AMERICAN YOUTH SYMPHONY MEMBERS APPRECIATION CONCERT FEATURES *APPALACHIAN SPRING*

At 3pm on Sunday, May 14 the American Youth Symphony and dancers from ArtistsPlus will enact a spectacular music-and-dance performance of Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring in appreciation of donors' support.

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 14th at 3pm, the Ann & Jerry Moss Theater at the Herb Alpert Educational Village at New Roads School, composer Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring* will be performed by the American Youth Symphony in a performance including dancers from ArtistsPlus. The Members' Priority concert, offered in appreciation for donors and audience members' support of AYS, will also feature works by visionary French baroque composer Jean-Philippe Rameau.

Reserve complimentary tickets online (<https://aysymphony.org/tickets/>) or by phone (310.470.2332) today!

This concert will be led by AYS Resident Conductor, Maestro Juan Felipe Molano. Maestro Molano is completing his second season as Resident Conductor of AYS. He was also appointed conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic's YOLA in 2014, and previously held that position with the Colombian Youth Philharmonic and Batuta Colombian System of Youth Orchestras (El Sistema - Colombia). He served as Music Director of the Yucatan Symphony Orchestra for five years, conducting an eclectic symphonic repertoire, operas and contemporary works, and collaborating with artists such as Placido Domingo, Cuarteto Latinoamericano, Joseph De Pasquale, and Ryu Goto, among many others. He has also conducted top orchestras throughout Europe, the United States, Asia, and South and Central America, including Los Angeles Philharmonic, Slovak Radio Symphony and Youth Orchestra of Americas. He has a deep passion for education; he has worked as a university professor for the last 15 years in Colombia, Mexico and now the US, and is committed to inspiring orchestras and enriching audiences from the podium.

The American Youth Symphony's mission is to inspire the future of classical music. A diverse group of over 100 exceptionally talented musicians, in high school through doctoral music programs, make up the orchestra. Each member receives invaluable training from world-class conductors and seasoned mentors, as well as generous financial support and unique opportunities to perform in front of large, enthusiastic audiences across all music backgrounds. The majority of the symphony's concerts are given free to the public in keeping with the American Youth Symphony's commitment to creating access and opportunity for everyone to experience the beauty of classical music.