

BULLETIN

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Oakland East Bay Symphony

New ROPA Member Orchestra
Debbie Spangler, Delegate

Executive Director: Jennifer Dustin

Music Director: Michael Morgan

The Oakland East Bay Symphony was created in 1988 from the ashes of the old Oakland Symphony, which declared bankruptcy in 9/86, the 1st to go down. The musicians kept it together for 2 years, creating a non-profit entity called the Oakland Symphony Musicians Ass'n. to perform our own concerts. The present budget is \$1.5 million, we do 6 Masterworks sets and occasional little pick-up gigs. Michael Morgan, the Music Director, is in his 16th season. Education is huge in this orchestra, Michael visits about 100 schools a year; many musicians do weekly visits to under-privileged schools, mainly funded by the city of Oakland (our mayor is Jerry Brown, former Governor of California and Presidential candidate). Our major grants include the Irvine Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, and the Livermore Wine Growers. We will be one of the California orchestras that performs the Joan Tower piece for Made In America, which will be played in all 50 states. Oakland is a city of about 400,000 next to Berkeley and across the bay from San Francisco.