

Ted Yuan leaves OYO

Takes two to replace him!

Ted Yuan, OYO 1982 to 2007, Librarian and Operations Manager 1995 to 2007, has left the OYO stage to return to his wife, daughter and family in Taiwan. He will not soon be forgotten! Ted is a veteran of **nine** OYO tours, a record unlikely to be broken...ever! He participated in the 1984 tour of Scotland & Great Britain, 1988 Jordan, 1990 Austria & Germany, 1993 Europe, 1995 Asia, 1998 Latin America & Cuba, 2001 Italy, 2004 Australia & New Zealand, and last, but not least, the 2007 hot, hot, hot tour of Greece.

It took two people to replace Ted and we are very happy to welcome as Operations Manager. OYO alumna Joanna Hansen, 2002-03, bass clarinet. She is about to receive a degree from CSU East Bay in Arts Administration. Joanna has interned for both OYO and at OEBS. She is pleased to assume her first orchestra position.

OYO's new Librarian is Robert Alfaro, about to receive a music degree from CSU East Bay. He is a bassoonist, student of Greg Barber, and an alumnus of SFSYO. Robert has been employed by OYO in the past as a contrabassoon ringer. He has experience working in the CSUEB music library, and is eager to assume the post for OYO.

Ted writes:

Allow me to introduce you to my new home: The name of our city, "Kaohsiung" in Chinese character, came from the Japanese pronunciation of word "Takau" which means "Tall and Heroic." But the true story is that when the Japanese were colonizing Taiwan they mistakenly took the local pronunciation "DA Khow" as "Takau" and that word "dakhow" actually means "beating the dog." Now, for you animal lovers, it has something to do with a local legend of beating a dog statue, long story. No animal was actually harmed in naming this city... I hope. The region name, "Zuoying" means "left camp" (I was graduated from Berkeley High and my daughter was born in Berkeley too). The district, "Tsigon" is "Vegetable Grandpa," and our street, "Zihyou" means "Liberty."

Leonard Cheng 1984-2007



Alumnus Leonard Cheng (OYO cello 1997-01), was killed in a tragic automobile accident in San Diego last winter. He joined the OYO cello section as an eighth grader and performed in the 1998

tour to Cuba and Latin America, and the 2001 tour of Italy.

Leonard attended Piedmont Middle and Piedmont High, where he was a member of the cross country and track teams as well as orchestra. He was due to graduate UC San Diego with a degree in structural engineering and hoped to work for an engineering firm in design work. He loved bridges and was no doubt inspired by the extensive traveling he did with his family and with OYO.

Leonard was very much a man of his generation, with close ties to his friends and sister Adelaide. He was devoted to a persona of unflappable cool, the sweetness of life, and play in its many forms. And he was a dedicated champion of the underdog.

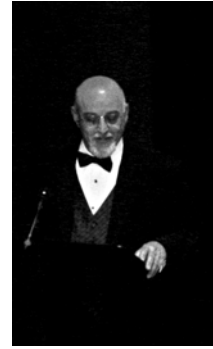
Our hearts go out to his family, mother Suzanne Pan, a past member of our Board, and his father Ching-Shui Cheng, and to his sister Adelaide Cheng, also an OYO alumna and former Board member.

In Leonard's memory the family has endowed the last chair in the cello section, as explained by his sister Adelaide:

"Once when I went to the symphony with Leonard, he looked at the program and remarked 'If I could buy a chair, I'd buy the last chair of the cello section and call it the Leonard Cheng chair!' What Leonard had in mind was to recognize those who don't usually get recognized, being all too familiar with many experiences sitting in the last chair. Being accepted to play in the orchestra is a big step forward for a young musician, but then the young musician, seating at the end of the section, is slapped with the image that he or she is not playing well. There is always a last chair. No matter what, the musician is still a part of the ensemble."

Jay Levine

OYO Past Board President



Longtime OYO Boardmember and past President Jay Levine recently passed away while still working on his film about his high school classmates.

Jay first came into the OYO family upon bravely volunteering

to chaperone on the 2001 Tour of Italy and he fell in love with OYO. He joined the Board and chaperoned again for the 2004 Australia and New Zealand tour.

Jay was someone who followed his dream. While studying in the acclaimed Digital Video Program at SF State, he made a wonderful film about the OYO violinists Rachel and Danielle Taylor, their family, their Sobrante Park neighborhood, and their dreams. It is called "The Hope." You can see it by following the link on the OYO website.

Jay's had a deep understanding of the kids and families for whom membership and travel in OYO represented a triumph over adversity and another step toward a life enriched by music. He saw how rare and precarious was the path that guided a child to begin music study at an early enough age, to find an inspiring teacher, to dedicate years of practice, to persevere, in order to gain entry to the musical garden we strive to maintain. His film about the Taylor family and their Sobrante Park neighborhood crystallized his and our understanding of what a powerful synergy music programs can achieve.

Jay made a bequest to OYO which will keep his and our dream alive and help OYO to continue to audition need-blind, award scholarships for both tuition and tours, and to grow our new private lesson scholarship program.



OYO Alumnus Jeff Beal



We last wrote about Jeff, (OYO Trumpet 1979-81), in our Fall 2005 Noteworthy. Since then the news has gotten ugly! Well, the news is Ugly Betty, and fans of the show will see Jeff credited as the composer and get to hear his deliciously diverse scoring. Jeff has now received his third Emmy, and has a large catalog of works for TV, film, concerts and recordings. His bio mentions that he played in OYO under Kent Nagano, and at 16 wrote an orchestral jazz trumpet concerto and a piece for flugelhorn and ensemble which we performed. Jeff went on to Eastman, and the rest of his terrific story is well told on his website, replete with lots of mp3s:

www.jeffbeal.com

Congrats again, Jeff, and young composers take note!

Concert Etiquette

1. Please take your seats. People will not be allowed to enter the hall while music is playing.
2. Please silence beepers and cell phones and do not talk or walk around during the concert.
3. Your applause is very welcome, but please save it between movements as listed in Concert Program.

Violinist Shauna Revelli



Former OYO Board member and parent Selma Meyerowitz heard Shauna Revelli playing violin in the klezmer band for the musical *A Shirts waist Tale* and raved about her performance. Busy Shauna began her studies on the violin and piano at 2½, thrived in her mother's studio, and has been a member of BYO, OYO, and the Holy Names University Symphony Orchestra, where she is currently concertmistress. Shauna has also been active in chamber music and plays weddings and parties. While attending Saint Mary's College, she was the string coach in the Lafayette Public Schools, teaching both violin and cello. Shauna is currently finishing the teaching credential program at Holy Names University. Prior to her student teaching, she taught first grade for two years, bringing both academics and music to the classroom, which is clearly her joy!

Three Join OYO Board

Janett Edrington, founder of Common Sense HR, Inc., specializes in HR Consulting and Training. She has over 25 years HR experience as a manager, trainer and consultant. A popular speaker on technical as well as motivational topics, Janett brings practical solutions and an upbeat attitude. **Lucy Archer**, co-Principal of the Viola section, and a senior at Maybeck was reelected as Student Representative. Alternate Student Rep. **Aleo Mok** is a senior at Northgate High, a member of our first violin section, and an accomplished pianist. High Congrats and thanks to all! We look forward to a productive and meaningful relationship with the many communities of Oakland and the Bay Area.

Alumni News

Selma Meyerowitz also filled us in on her own two amazing daughters, OYO alumni, both.

Nila Dharan, violin, 1991-94, attended Cornell University, a pre-med and Biology and Society major, and played in the university orchestra all four years. Then she spent a year as a research assistant in the Psychology Department at George Washington University. After that, it was Georgetown Medical School from 2000 to 2004; then again for her Residency in Internal Medicine until 2007. Dr. Nila is now working in the Epidemic Intelligence Service Program for the Center for Disease Control in the influenza area, and is involved with international infectious disease projects in Kenya and Vietnam.

Anjali Dharan, OYO violin 1997-99, headed to Emory University, majored in International Relations, and played in the orchestra all four years. After graduating in 2004, she spent a year in South Korea teaching English. After that, she did an internship with a NGO in Bangladesh prior to starting a two-year Masters' program at UC San Diego in International Relations, Pacific Studies. She is on the editorial board of the program's journal and her key areas of focus are the development of non-profit organizations and development issues in Southeast Asia. She will graduate from UC San Diego in June 2008.



OYO Spring Auditions

for 2008-09

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Allen Temple Baptist Church

Allen Temple Baptist Church is one of Oakland's great institutions and OYO has been performing regular concerts in their Family Life Center since it opened in 2000. But behind this wonderful venue is a real partnership which has at its center Michael Morgan and that other great Oakland institution Betty Gadling, the ATBC Minister of Music, whom Michael Morgan has called a "force of nature." Betty is the dynamo behind the well-known annual production of the "Black Nativity." Less well known is her project to outfit the Center with music rooms in which to conduct after school and summer programs for the children of the congregation and the neighborhood. During the summer of 2006 she had the assistance not only of Michael Morgan, with whom she shares a mission of building musicianship among the youth of Oakland, but their mutual protégé, Sobrante Park neighbor, and OYO alumna Danielle Taylor, now a junior at the Oberlin Conservatory. This summer Danielle traveled to Gambia in Africa, and to Brazil, to study her second instrument: African drums! Kudos to all, especially to the teachers of teachers!

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Greece!

Many Scholarships awarded

Tours are deeply educational—challenging, exciting, and a huge equalizer of life experience. The big challenge for OYO members was to give five fantastic concerts while following a vigorous tourist agenda, and do it in a way that everyone has a great trip. The big challenge for the OYO Board was to raise funds for the 27 scholarships we awarded. OYO's tradition is that everyone tours. Thanks for helping make our dreams come true!

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The 76 current members of OYO range in age from 12.65 to 21.95. The average age today is 16.07.

38% come from Alameda County; 54% from Contra Costa; 5.3% from San Francisco; 1.3% from Marin; 1.3% from Napa, and 1.3% from Solano. 10 members are from Oakland; and 2 others attend schools in Oakland.

We are 43% female; 57% male.

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OYO's Hot Winter Concert

Sunday, January 27, 2008, 3 pm

First Congregational Church, Oakland

Mozart: Overture to the Magic Flute

Rimsky-Korsakov: Dance of the Acrobats

Arturo Marquez: Danzon No. 2

Winner of OYO Concerto Competition

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