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Welcome to the Golden Gate Philharmonic Parents Community!

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Geoffrey Gallegos and myself, I welcome you (or welcome you back) to Golden Gate Philharmonic's 2018-19 Season and Parent community!

This is our 24th anniversary year, and we couldn't be more excited! Starting from its origins in 1995 as an after-school program by Joan Murray, Executive Director Emerita, GGP has grown to be one of the most respected music education programs in the country, helping thousands of students enrich their lives through the power of music.

Our format of combining orchestral training with sectional instruction, theory classes and performance opportunities at all levels, plus an optional Chamber Music Program has been emulated by many organizations throughout the country. Moreover, our alumni students have told us just how much GGP has meant to them: for the musical training it has provided them, for the friends they've made through the program, and for the discipline and poise it instilled for their adult pursuits. Our current students inspire pride as we witness their growth from one season to the next.

As the newly appointed Executive Director, I will be working closely with Maestro Gallegos and with our Board of Directors to grow our program and increase support from the wider community to ensure the long-term sustainability of GGP, and to ensure that we can continue to offer financial aid to allow students from all backgrounds to participate in our programs. All I do will be guided by my commitment to you that GGP will provide your child with music education that:

- Encourages the highest standards of musical excellence
- Nurtures his or her potential
- Helps her or him develop skills that will enhance their academic aspirations
- Creates a sense of community and community service

It is the overarching belief that the richness of the GGP experience is an important factor in shaping students to become valued members of society. Importantly, our parents are a critical part of making the programs we offer possible. Here's how you can help:

- Reinforce Your Children's Participation in GGP: Help make sure they practice their orchestra music, participate in our theory program, and make sure they get to rehearsals on time.
- Fulfill your Volunteer Commitment: We need your help to keep GGP affordable, and count on you and other parents to help us manage the programs we offer.

Please review and fill out the Volunteer Form that is part of your orientation packet – there are many ways to help.

- Attend our Events: Please come to our concerts – not just our orchestra concerts but our chamber music concerts as well – and invite your friends! Let's get the word out!
- Support our Fundraising Efforts: If you're able, we hope you will consider supporting GGP through donations to our Annual Fund, through attendance at our Gala, and supporting other fundraising events we organize. And, we could really use your help in raising money from foundations and corporations -- does your company have a giving program?
- Be Part of Our Community: You will be hearing about ways to get involved and get together soon! If you're a new parent, please don't be shy to let us know how we can help orient you and your family.

You can learn more at the Member section of our website, <https://www.ggph.org/ggp/members/>.

We couldn't be happier to have you as a GGP parent, and look forward to working with you to help enrich your children, and others, through the power of music!

Please don't hesitate to reach out as I'm eager to know and work with you in the year ahead.

Musically Yours,



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