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MEDIA ADVISORY

After 37 Years, Orange County Youth Symphony Conductor is Retiring With a Final Gala Concert on Sunday, May 4, 4 p.m. at Chapman University

Maestro John Koshak Has Had Positive Influence on More Than 3,500 OC Kids in the Course of His OCYSO Conductorship Many Will Attend His Last Concert

WHAT: John Koshak, beloved conductor and music director of the Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra (OCYSO) is retiring after 37 years on the podium, and will conduct a final gala concert with the ensemble with hundreds of OCYSO alumni in the audience at Chapman University on Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m.

WHO: Maestro Koshak has had a HUGE effect on the musical lives of more than 3,500 young musicians in Orange County over the years. (www.ocysso.org) The outstanding youths in the orchestra are high school and college students from throughout OC. The orchestra has performed more than 1000 rehearsals and workshops, 111 concerts for the public and more than 300 concerts for Orange County schoolchildren.

Maestro Koshak has also led the critically acclaimed OCYSO on tours throughout the U.S. and around the world to Italy, Germany, Austria, China, Japan and Hong Kong, and to the pinnacle experience for any musician, a concert at New York City's Carnegie Hall truly making OCYSO into Orange County's young global musical ambassadors. Under his aegis, the OCYSO has become one of the finest youth orchestras in the nation.

(The Chapman connection is that Maestro Koshak is professor emeritus of music at Chapman University and also led the Chapman orchestras for many years.)

WHEN: Sunday, May 4, 2008 Concert begins at 4 p.m.

WHERE: Memorial Hall, Chapman University, One University Drive, Orange, CA 92866