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Dear Festival Friend,

DANNY KAYE IS COMING TO TOWN! Mark it on your calendar right now! On Saturday, August 23, Maestro Danny Kaye, in celebration of the Festival's 25th season, will conduct the orchestra at a gala Birthday Party Celebration, with the proceeds to go to the Orchestra's Maintenance Fund. For over 30 years, Mr. Kaye has conducted virtually all the world's leading orchestras, never for a fee and with all profits going to the orchestra, the musicians' pension funds or UNICEF. His splendid efforts have now raised in excess of \$7 Million!

Kaye joins all of us who have participated in the festival and helped it become an extraordinary institution. This festival is now sought out by the most renowned musical artists. Zubin Mehta has delighted in saying that the Festival Orchestra ranks with the best he has ever conducted, and that our hall is an acoustical marvel.

We ask you to join Danny Kaye in supporting the Festival this summer. A week of concerts has been added, making a 7 week season, from July 9--August 23. DeGroot, Starr, Isbin, Party, Ruggeri, Deak and the Suzuki's will all be back. So will Elmar Oliveira, who was a festival participant for three summers before becoming the first American violinist to win the Gold Medal at the Tchaikovsky Competition. He will play the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto.

This summer is a milestone for another special reason. A valley-based Board of Directors, together with dozens of people on committees, is now directing the Festival. This reorganization was undertaken as a springboard to even higher aspirations and achievement in the years ahead.

The Festival Guarantors collectively insured the financial success of the 1985 festival. We'd like to welcome old and new friends to support this expanded season. For a contribution of \$2500, guarantors will receive a pair of choice season tickets, tickets to the Danny Kaye Benefit, attendance at a reception with Mr. Kaye, and attendance at the Gala. Last year's unforgettable party was at the Mack's residence. This summer Liz and Bob Esperti are opening their splendid home at the Golf Course. The enclosed materials expand on some of our hopes and triumphs.

We appreciate your past support and ask you to contribute to the Silver Anniversary Season. For our financial planning, we ask you to send your check or pledge today. ALL THIS--AND DANNY KAYE!

Sincerely,

Sam Lightner, President
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