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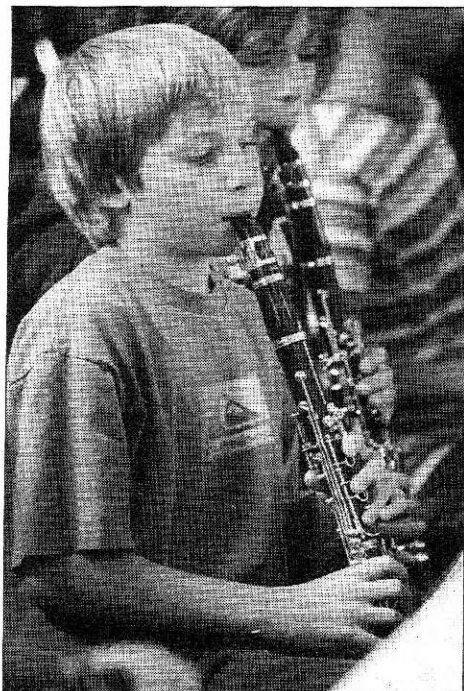
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Pacific Palisades resident Larry Newman conducts his 140-member youth orchestra during a full-scale rehearsal at UCLA last Saturday.

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All-Schools Orchestra to Play



Palisades residents Harrison Garff (foreground, Palisades Elementary) and Shaun Tenansnow (Paul Revere).

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Members of the All-Schools Elementary Honor Orchestra, under the direction of Palisadian Larry Newman, will perform this Saturday at 11 a.m. at UCLA Schoenberg Hall.

More than 140 elementary musicians from 24 schools will play in the 13th annual one-hour concert, which features guest pianist Palisadian Austin Beutner performing "Variations on Chop Stix." Beutner, Mayor Villaraigosa's chief executive for economic and business policy, has announced his candidacy for mayor in 2012.

"The honors orchestra is a diverse group of children (ages 7 to 12) who come together to play in a professional concert setting," said Newman, who founded his company, Children's Music Workshop, more than 25 years ago. Each child is selected by his/her school music teacher.

For the past two years, Newman and Eric Jasper, a former Marquez Elementary student of Newman, have produced a television show documenting the orchestra's rehearsal and performance. They have won back-to-back Emmys in the Children/Youth Programming Category for their efforts.



Flutist Sara Kangaslahti (Palisades Elementary) rehearses with the youth orchestra last Saturday.

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