

# Asian Business Association Salutes Business Leaders

The Asian Business Association honored leaders in the Asian American business community during its 42nd annual awards banquet, "The Future of Business Innovation," held recently at the Langham Huntington Hotel. The keynote speaker was East West Bank Chairman, President and CEO Dominic Ng.

Each year, the ABA salutes leaders in the Asian-American business community as well as corporations that consistently support that community and provide opportunities for Asian-American entrepreneurs to flourish. At this year's gala, ABA recognized the work and achievements of outstanding businesses that continue to innovate in the workplace.

Honorees were goBalto founder Jae Chung, tech entrepreneur of the year; LA MILL, which received the hospitality industry award; Hyundai Motor America, for com-



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East West Bank's Dominic Ng delivered the keynote speech at the ABA banquet, and his company was recognized as corporation of the year.

munity impact; corporation of the year East West Bank; and state Treasurer John Chiang, for public

service.

"The Asian Business Association has a strong commitment to helping diverse Asian-Americans. Not only are they making a difference in businesses locally but also impacting the community and the greater economy," said banquet co-chairs Jay Chung of Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter and Karen Park of TEN Advertising.

"We selected these individuals and organizations because of their business success and their contributions to our economy," said Dennis J. Huang, ABA Executive Director and CEO. "We're grateful also to our sponsors this year for supporting the important work we're doing in the community."

Sponsors included U.S. Bank, Southern California Edison, East West Bank, Toyota, MUFG Union Bank, Coca-Cola Co., CA Water Association, Northrop Grumman, AEG, the Walt Disney Co. and many local small businesses.



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Dominic Ng, Chairman, president and CEO of East West Bank (second from left), received the award for corporation of the year on behalf of the bank from the Asian Business Association Los Angeles at its annual banquet. The award recognizes East West Bank's continued dedication to promoting and supporting the growth of Asian-American businesses over the years.

# Mozart Masterpiece Starts Pasadena Symphony Season

Mozart's hauntingly beautiful Requiem gets the Pasadena Symphony's 2018-19 season off to a grand start on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Ambassador Auditorium, where the orchestra will perform at 2 and 8 p.m.

Mendelssohn's String Symphony No. 3 and Elgar's Introduction & Allegro round out this deeply emotive program, culminating in Robert Levin's 20th century completion of Mozart's contentious final masterpiece.

The dramatic program that Music Director David Lockington has planned to open the symphony's 91st season will include voices from the Donald Brinegar Singers and the JPL Chorus, conducted by Brinegar, alongside four stellar vocalists: soprano Amanda Keenan, mezzo-soprano Tracy Van Fleet, tenor James Onstad and baritone Lee Poulis. Audiences might know Onstad from his work with Los Angeles' experimental opera company the Industry, for which he recently performed in the role of Orfeo in a monumental production of "Hopscotch" — a mobile, immersive operatic experience



that the New Yorker called "awe inspiring."

To learn more about the music or the soloists for this performance, join the symphony for "Insights," a free pre-concert dialogue with Lockington that begins one hour before each concert.

The symphony provides a socially vibrant experience specially designed for the music lover, the social butterfly or a date night out. Celebrate opening night in style in the luxurious Symphony Lounge. In a posh setting along Amba-

sador Auditorium's outdoor plaza, patrons enjoy uniquely prepared menus for lunch and dinner at each concert from Claud & Co; fine wines by Michero Wines, serving Riboli Family Wines; and music before the concert and during intermission.

Ambassador Auditorium is located at 131 South St. John Ave. in Pasadena. Subscription packages start at as low as \$99. Single tickets start at \$35 and may be purchased online at pasadenasympphony-pops.org or at (626) 793-7172.

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