

## WELCOMING NEW FRIENDS

Dear Friends:

First I want to thank all of you for your kind words about our Beethoven Festival concerts. My musicians worked very hard to help me realize the vision I had for those concerts, particularly the Beethoven 9 program. We also met some special new friends, including the kids from De La Salle North Catholic High School who attended the Beethoven 5 concert. For several of them it was their first Symphony concert and I want them to know I really enjoyed talking with them afterwards and hope to see them back again real soon!

My next concert with the Oregon Symphony is one that you may not be aware of if you are not a current contributor to the orchestra. It is a special concert on May 3 free to Symphony donors-our musical thank you to the people who know that ticket sales alone cannot keep the music playing. If you are not yet one of them, there's still time! I hope to see you then.

Best,

Carlos

