

OJAI MUSIC FESTIVAL

From its founding in 1947, the **Ojai Music Festival** has created a place for groundbreaking musical experiences, bringing together innovative artists and curious audiences in an intimate, idyllic setting 80 miles northwest of Los Angeles. The Festival presents broad-ranging programs that embrace the music of our time and provides intellectual context and education around the Festival programming, creating an immersion experience of adventurous inspiration and vibrant collaboration. Considered a highlight of the summer classical music season, Ojai has remained a leader in the classical music landscape, provoking thought during the Festival and long after about why music matters.

The Ojai Music Festival attracts the world's greatest musical artists. Under its unique structure of appointing an annual Music Director by the Artistic Director, Ojai has presented a "who's who" of music: Aaron Copland, Igor Stravinsky, Olivier Messiaen, Michael Tilson Thomas, Kent Nagano, Pierre Boulez, John Adams, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Robert Spano, Pierre-Laurent Aimard, David Robertson, eighth blackbird, George Benjamin, Dawn Upshaw, Leif Ove Andsnes, Mark Morris and Jeremy Denk. **Thomas W. Morris** has served as Artistic Director since 2004.

The four-day Festival in Ojai takes place primarily in Ojai's Libbey Bowl the second week in June each year, and now includes over 15 events including concerts, symposia, films, and community events. In 2011, **Ojai North!** was formed, a partnership with CalPerformances in Berkeley to present selected Ojai programs the week after the Festival. Through its **BRAVO! education program**, the Festival brings music to the lives of schoolchildren and their families in Ventura County throughout the year.

Ojai North!

An exciting multi-year partnership between the Ojai Music Festival and Cal Performances, *Ojai North!* takes residence in Berkeley launching this past June 2011, immediately following the Festival in Ojai. The brainchild of Ojai Music Festival Artistic Director Thomas W. Morris and Cal Performances Executive Director Matias Tarnopsky, *Ojai North!* features co-productions and co-commissions first performed at the Ojai Music Festival in Ojai, California.

"I have long admired the quality and breadth of programming at the Ojai Music Festival and am thrilled we can collaborate with this beacon of artistic endeavor to bring these concerts to Cal Performances audiences." Matias Tarnopsky

"It has been a long-held dream of mine to broaden the reach of the Ojai Music Festival. In launching this partnership with Cal Performances – a colleague organization acclaimed for its commitment to musical adventure - we make this dream a reality." Thomas W. Morris