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IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM ADBOOK CAMPAIGN

Today is **the last day** ads may be turned in! If you still have any outstanding ads, please turn them in immediately. If you are sure an ad is coming in and it is not yet in our hands, please let us know. We have posted a list of Advertisers whose ads we have received (or have commitments from) on our website – check it out at the new “For our Families” page (list will be available online this weekend).

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this year’s Ad Book Campaign a wonderful success!

Reminder: As part of your commitment to NYSO, each family is required to bring in \$150 worth of ads or to make a contribution of that amount to NYSO. (We offer families this opportunity to reduce their tuition payment by \$150.) If you opted to write a check for the amount or any part of the amount, **please bring in your \$150 this week or send it to our P.O. Box.

TUITION PAYMENTS ARE PAST DUE!

If you have not yet turned in your tuition payment, written payment plan, or scholarship application, please do so at the rehearsal desk TODAY.

As noted in your packet and in the handbook, late payments will be assessed as follows:

October 5 – November 2 - \$25; After November 2 - \$50 - See packets for fees.

For Flute Choirs, Clarinet Choir, and Chorale, if your child is also a NYSO orchestra member, your rate is reduced by \$50. Please see your registration packet for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR POSTING NYSO CONCERT FLYERS

We are in **immediate** need of volunteers to put up concert flyers in the following towns:

Andover, Beverly, Boxford, Hamilton, Ipswich, Peabody, Rowley, Topsfield, Wenham and other surrounding towns. Please email Shannon Roberts at shannonr02@comcast.net with your name and town if you are able to help.

REGISTRATION PACKETS

We are still missing registration materials from several families. If you have not yet returned your registration packet, please do so immediately.

CONCERT FLYERS

November 22 concert flyers will be passed out today. Please be sure to distribute the flyers to family and friends. We will also send packets of flyers home with the children of those parents who have volunteered to post them in their towns. If we contacted you to post flyers and you do not receive your packet, please let us know.

December 6th “Afternoon of Concerts” flyers will be passed out next week, **November 9th**. Volunteers who have signed up to post flyers will receive their packets then. We will send them home with your child.

The flyer mailing for the December 6th concert will take place next week, Monday November 9th, in the cafeteria during rehearsal. If you have volunteered to help or you would like to help with concert flyer mailings, please let Sarah know if you are able to be there that day.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Enrichment Day Ipswich High School PAC December 5, 2009

Enrichment Day serves as our Dress Rehearsal (however, casual attire is expected). **ALL students are expected to stay for the entire scheduled time. Exceptions must be submitted in writing and approved by either Lisa Maxwell or Gerry Dolan.** The schedule is:

- 1:00 – 3:00 – Prelude and Overture
- 1:00 – 3:30 – Intermezzo
- 1:00 – 4:30 – Symphony Orchestra
- 4:30 – 5:30 – Wind Ensemble

October 19th and 26th – Photo Day Photos

Photos are posted online for your review and purchase: www.tasherstudio.com
Just click on the menu option ‘Your Photos’ (top of page), then select event name ‘**NYSO 19th + 26th**’
The password is ‘**Music**’ ***Remember – 5% of all sales come back to NYSO!

NYSO MUGS AND T-SHIRTS

We are continuing to take orders for NYSO t-shirts (\$15), and mugs may also be purchased at the desk (\$10). All Prelude and Overture members who do not yet have a t-shirt will need to order one, as they will be wearing them for their spring outreach concert. If this is a financial hardship for anyone, please speak with Lisa Maxwell.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- We are in need of the following:
- **A concert flyer Posting Coordinator;
 - **A Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal Assistant;
 - **A pre-Concert Coordinator for our December Concert;
 - **An onsite Concert Coordinator(s) for our December Concert;
 - **A person to oversee our concert flyer mailings during rehearsal time;
 - ***Numerous Volunteers to post flyers in their towns for our upcoming concerts!

→Please email Sarah or Lisa for more information or if you are able to help.

CALENDAR CORNER

November 22nd Thanksgiving concert
Intermezzo, Overture, Prelude, Junior Flute Choir and Flute Choir
Benefit concert for Thanksgiving Basket Project for First Church Ipswich, 1 Meeting House Green.

Students are to arrive by 2:00. Concert begins at 3:00 p.m.
Flyers will be sent out by e-mail for you to forward to friends and family.

ENSEMBLES

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – no new information

WIND ENSEMBLE – no new information

INTERMEZZO –Combined auditions for November 22nd concert solos and/or Intermezzo Chamber Music Ensemble will be held again TODAY, November 2nd. Audition sign-up sheets are at the rehearsal desk today.

1. Audition for solos in our November 22 concert. Each year we choose 2 or 3 students to perform a solo in the November Thanksgiving Benefit concert at First Church in Ipswich. Solos should be well prepared, memorized if possible and performed at the highest level.

2. Audition for Intermezzo Chamber Music Ensemble. Each year we choose 4-5 students to form an Intermezzo Chamber Ensemble. These students will have chamber music during the same times that Symphony Orchestra has their chamber music groups – 5:45 – 7:00 during December, January and February. There will be a fee of \$75 for each student to participate.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Intermezzo Winds will be performing with the Wind Ensemble in our December 6th concert, so they will need to be at both the 3pm and 5pm concerts.

Sectional Rehearsal Schedule for Intermezzo:

(All rehearsals occur during normal 4:30-6:00 rehearsal times unless otherwise noted)

11/2: Strings, Winds and Brass

11/9: Full rehearsal

11/16: Full rehearsal

11/22: Concert at First Church Ipswich

11/23: Sectionals (as needed)

11/30: Winds and Brass rehearse 5:30-7:00pm (only): with Orch. 5:30-6:00, then with Wind Ensemble 6:00-7:00pm. Strings 4:30-6:00.

(Full rehearsals, enrichment day and concert for the remainder of the 2009 schedule as noted on calendar)

Thanksgiving Benefit Concert, First Church, Ipswich on Sunday November 22, 2009. Call time 2:00 p.m. Be sure to invite friends and family to the event using the flyers we passed out and emailed today. Voluntary cash donations will be taken at the concert to support this benefit project.

PRELUDE/OVERTURE

Thanksgiving Benefit Concert, First Church, Ipswich on Sunday November 22, 2009. Call time 2:00 p.m. Be sure to invite friends and family to the event using the flyers we passed out and emailed today. Voluntary cash donations will be taken at the concert to support this benefit project.

Prelude and Overture will take part in Enrichment Days – once each semester. Please see your calendars for dates and times.

FLUTE CHOIRS – Select Flute Choir will be performing in a combined piece with the Flute Choir in our December 6th concert, so they will need to be at both the 3pm and 5pm concerts.

CLARINET CHOIR – no new information

CHORALE – We are now accepting registrations and scheduling auditions for the second term, beginning in January. We have had a number of inquiries and it does seem that there is enough interest; if we receive the minimum number of registrations required, we will go forward with Chorale in the second half of the season. Please contact Sarah Perron to schedule an audition; *spread the word to all your friends.*

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all of our October 26th Photo Day volunteers: Jill Henry, Kamaru Cherekad, Rosemary Fiori and Mary Ellen Milne. Also – we missed one of our October 19th volunteers last week – thank you to Laura Wall. Great job!

We are very grateful for the weekly assistance at our Masco Desk by Robin Willcox, Maya Molla, Shannon Roberts and Carol Hong. Robin – we will miss you at the desk in November and December, but hope to possibly have you back in 2010.

Thank you to our phone tree volunteers for Symphony and Wind Ensemble: Kathy Conti, Alison Friedmann, Elaine Geffken, Jane O'Keefe, Samantha Sheridan, Jennifer Wright, Lucinda Hines, Heather Kolnsberg, Charlotte Lidrbach, Usha Shenai, Kerry Zagarella, Anne Brown, Jane Costa, and Carolyn Horgan.

Once again, we must thank Sue Adams for her many hours of time given to our accounting system conversion.

For anyone else we may have missed here, we certainly appreciate your help – we know that your time is valuable and we thank you for sharing some of it with us.

REPEAT INFORMATION

Directions to First Church, Ipswich

From the South: Take 95 north to exit 50. Route 1 north past Topsfield Fairgrounds. Cross over Route 97 at the light; stay on Route 1. ** Take a right at the next light onto Ipswich Road, which becomes Topsfield Road and then in Ipswich becomes Market Street. Market Street comes to a complete stop in Ipswich Center. ***Go straight up the hill; the church is the modern, white brick one in the middle of the hill.

From Topsfield go to Route 97 and Route 1 and take a right. Follow from ** above.

From the North, take Route 1 to Route 133 East. Go to the center of Ipswich. At the stop at Market Street, take a left up the hill.

From Beverly and points south, take Route 1A north into Ipswich. At the corner of Market Street (on the left) and 1A – **take a right** and follow from *** above.

PHONE TREES

Phone Trees are available at the desk for viewing. Those needing to put carpools together can e-mail or call Sarah Perron. We are also happy to email the tree for your child's ensemble.

CONCERT CORNER

Two wonderful concerts to attend

1. Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, this Sunday, November 1, 2009, 2:30 PM - Rogers Center for the Arts -

Featuring 15 year old Gergana Haralampieva on violin performing the *Dvorak Violin Concerto in A minor, Op 53*. Gergana (Gea) Haralampieva was born on January 29, 1994 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria into a family of professional musicians. When she was nine months old, she moved to the Czech Republic where her parents worked. Gergana began to play the violin at 5-1/2 years of age... she is a member of the New England Conservatory's Youth Philharmonic Orchestra led by Benjamin Zander. See her full bio at: <http://www.mvpomusic.org/Pages/GerganaHaralampieva.html>

Also on the program:

Wolfgang A. Mozart, *Impresario Overture, K 486* --- Jean Sibelius, *Symphony No. 2 in D, Op 43*

For more information and to order tickets online: <http://www.mvpomusic.org/> Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

*Stop by after the concert to say hello to Lisa Maxwell (executive director of NYSO) who plays 2nd horn for the MVPO.

2. New England String Ensemble, Saturday December 5, 2009, 7:30 pm Lawrence High School Performing Arts Center, Lawrence, Massachusetts

Program:

Gunther Schuller - *Adagio for Strings* (Ode to the minor 2nd & major 7th)

Felix Mendelssohn - *Violin Concerto in D minor* (posth.), Haldan Martinson, Violin

Toru Takemitsu - *Nostalghia for Violin and Strings*, Haldan Martinson, Violin

Pyotr Tchaikovsky - *Souvenir de Florence*

**Music Director Federico Cortese leads an interactive discussion with soloists and other special guests 45 minutes prior to each performance. Admission is free to all concert ticket holders.

NOTE: NYSO families receive a discount of \$15.00 off per ticket to NESE's North shore concerts.