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IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE REMINDERS

All Monday ensembles will rehearse on Dec. 7th.

Only chamber ensembles will rehearse on December 14th. Everyone will arrive at 5:00 and be done at 7:00 pm

All ensembles will be on vacation Dec. 21 and 28th. Second semester will begin on Monday, January 4, 2010.

SNOW DAY INFORMATION

A reminder regarding snow days: We follow the Masconomet High School closing policy. Should Masco close on a Monday (Wednesday for Clarinet Choir), even mid-day, we will cancel rehearsal. We will put the announcement on our web site and office phone voicemail. If you have a question, you may always contact Sarah or Lisa. Flute Choir members should check with their Conductor directly if weather is questionable.

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Symphony Orchestra and Intermezzo chamber ensemble members – please read carefully.

The Symphony Orchestra chamber music project will begin rehearsals next week, Dec. 7th.

Please note that chamber music ensembles meet from 5:45 – 7:00. For the winds, this means that you need to arrive by 5:35 to get to your ensemble room and be ready to begin at 5:45. For next week, Dec. 7th, we are asking all winds and strings to arrive at 5:00 to pass out music and go over the chamber program.

For all chamber music rehearsals, the Intermezzo string quartet will rehearse in the Intermezzo room from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. This coming Monday, Dec. 7th, you will go to the Symphony Orchestra room at 5:45 to get your music.

** December 14th: **This rehearsal is for chamber ensembles ONLY.** No other groups will be meeting. We ask all strings and winds to arrive at 5:35 - to be ready to rehearse from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. We will be rehearsing only as chamber ensembles, not as an orchestra. There will be no full Symphony Orchestra rehearsal.

DECEMBER 7TH PARTIES FOR PRELUDE, OVERTURE, AND INTERMEZZO

Overture and Prelude will have parties in their rooms during the last part of their rehearsal on Monday December 7th. Intermezzo is ordering pizza and each member should pay \$5.00 for pizza the day of the party. Parents may also bring drinks and cookies. The party will take place the last half of rehearsal.

SENIOR DISTRICT AUDITIONS

Congratulations to all who auditioned for Senior Districts. Many of NYSO's students were accepted and several with All-State Recommendations.

Please email us when you know if you have been selected, since the only way we know is when we hear from you. We have no other access to the information. *We have received notice of the following students being accepted to Senior Districts, and are proud that NYSO is so well represented: (* = All-State Rec.)*

Catarina Bongiorno, Libby Brown, James Conner-Myers, Christian Conti*, Rebecca Decoff, Nick Goodwin*, Dayna Horgan, Katie Johnson*, Clara Kim, Rachel Levine*, Meghan O'Keefe*, Victoria Santospago, Ian Stewart, Lisa Stoneham*, and Emily Wright*.

The following students were accepted to the New Hampshire All State Festival: Christine Labbe and Andrew Webster. Christine Labbe was also invited to the All New England Festival.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday December 5th Enrichment Day Volunteers Needed:

Hospitality (1-2) – set up and serve refreshments/snacks to Enrichment Day attendees (early or late shift)
Program folding/stuffing (3+) – an hour or two of your time throughout the afternoon

Sunday December 6th Concerts at 3 and 5 pm Volunteers Needed:

Organizing and running these two concerts takes an enormous amount of help – please sign up today!

At the concerts:

Hospitality assistants (2 for 5pm concert) – receive baked goods, set up /serve during reception (after concert),
Stage crew (1-2 more for 3pm; 4-5 for 5pm) – to set-up chairs/stands for next ensemble and set up tables.
Ushers (2 for 5pm) to check for tickets and hand out programs,
Ticket sales (1 for 5pm), Flower pick up and drop off (1-2 people), Flower sales (2 for 3pm),
Runners (1 at 3, 1 at 5), Clean-up crew (4) after 5pm concert,
Room assistants (all Ensembles except Overture) to coordinate ensembles' movement from warm-up rooms to stage and back.

If you have already contacted us – thank you! We will be in touch soon with your assignment times.

Sign-up sheets will be at Masco desk on Monday - you may also email Sarah or Lisa for more information or if you are able to help.

Concert Information

Saturday, December 5, 2009 Enrichment Day/Dress Rehearsal Ipswich High School Performing Arts Center

NOTE: ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

Enrichment Day serves as our Dress Rehearsal (casual attire is expected, however.) **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 Strings

1:00 – 3:30 – Intermezzo

1:00 – 4:30 – Symphony Orchestra

1:00 – 2:15 – Strings only ----- 2:15 – 4:30 – All members of Symphony Orchestra

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - Wind Ensemble (*****Including Intermezzo Winds and Brass**)

Enrichment Day Guest Conductor

Levi Hammer will be our guest conductor for all ensembles on Dec. 5th. Conductor and pianist Levi Hammer is currently the Zander Fellow with the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, where he serves as assistant conductor and assists Benjamin Zander at the New England Conservatory and the Walnut Hill School. Mr. Hammer has performed as a conductor, concerto soloist, chamber musician and vocal coach in America and Europe. He studied conducting, piano, composition and German at the Mozarteum University Salzburg, Rice University and Arizona State University, and has worked closely with conductors Benjamin Zander, Kurt Masur, Pierre Boulez and pianists Brian Connelly, Robert Roux and Walter Cosand. An advocate and product of music in public schools, Mr. Hammer passionately brings music to young musicians and young audiences.

We are pleased to welcome Levi Hammer as our guest conductor for Saturday, December 5, 2009.

Sunday, December 6, 2009 “Afternoon of Concerts” Ipswich High School Performing Arts Center

“Afternoon of Concerts” (two concerts) Ipswich Performing Arts Center - Ipswich H.S.

Tickets will be available at the door, and at the Masco Monday desk – cash/check only

3:00 – 4:15 p.m. concert will include Prelude and Overture String Ensembles, Intermezzo Orchestra, Jr. Flute Choir, Flute Choir (with Select Flute Choir on one piece) and Clarinet Choir.

Call time for this concert is 2:00 p.m. (NO later!)

5:00 – 6:45 p.m. concert will include Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble (with Intermezzo Winds on one piece), and Select Flute Choir. **Call time** for this concert is 4:15 p.m.

The reception will take place at intermission.

Concert Call Time

In case there is any question about what this means, we would like to remind all parents that call time is when the students should be ready to warm up, in concert dress, with music and instrument. This usually means arriving at least 10 minutes before that time.

DIRECTIONS to Ipswich High School - Enrichment Day and December 6th Concert

From points South: Take 1A north. It will join with Rte. 133. Go through center of Ipswich and stay on 133 & 1A. (together at this point). About 1 mile out of town - going toward Rowley - on the left watch for the High School. You will see Children's Orchard and the White Cap Restaurant on the right - just across the street. Come in the main entrance of the High School and turn left to the music room.

From Beverly and points south or from Route 128 N, take 1A north. It will join with 133. Go through center of Ipswich – about one mile out of town, going toward Rowley, watch for the school, a large brick building complex, on your left. OR coming from Topsfield, take Route 1 North to 133 and take Route 133 East through Rowley to where it joins Route 1A. Stay on 1A/133 toward Ipswich – the school is about one mile past the Clam Box Restaurant. Use the parking lot that is nearest to the street, and enter the school through the entrance at the top of the stairs. Facing the school, this entrance will be on your far right.

You could also go north on Rte 1 to Line Brook Road. Take a right. You will pass Doyon School on your right. Go past Doyon and watch for Mile Lane on the left. Take a left, travel 1 mile to Route 133 and take a right. After about 1 mile, you will see the school on your right.

Flowers for December 6th concerts

We will be providing roses for parents to purchase on concert day as a gift for their students.

The roses will have a card and will be tied with a ribbon.

Prices: 1 rose - \$3.00 --- 2 roses - \$5.00 --- 3 roses - \$7.00

→We need volunteers to help purchase, prepare and sell the flowers

December 6th Concert Reception

We are asking families to bring a plate of finger food for the receptions that will take place after each of the concerts. While not mandatory, it is a great way to acknowledge our students' hard work and make it a festive occasion.

→We still need volunteers to help serve at our reception tables (Hospitality)

Food Pantry Donations

We will once again be collecting donations for the **Acord Food Pantry** at our December 6th concert.

Here are some items that are in top demand:

100% juice or juice boxes --- Coffee/ tea --- Meals in a can: beef stew, chili, hash, Chef Boyardee

Chunky style, hearty soups --- Diapers --- Soap/shampoo/toothpaste/toothbrushes

Baking mixes (pancake, quick bread, muffin, etc.) --- Condiments (all kinds)

* Please check the expiration date on the can/box of food before making a donation. They cannot distribute expired food and there is a big expense in disposing of trash in Hamilton - Thank you!

GENERAL INFORMATION

ANNUAL FUND

If you are considering making a donation to the Annual Fund for the 2009-2010 season, you are welcome to do so before December 31st to receive tax benefits. The campaign kickoff is under way and you should be receiving a letter soon if it has not already arrived. Your participation is very important to the continued success of NYSO.

ENSEMBLES

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – Saturday, Dec. 5 Enrichment Day, Ipswich H.S.

1:00 – 2:15 – Strings only

2:15 – 4:30 – All members of S.O.

WIND ENSEMBLE – Saturday, Dec. 5 Enrichment Day, Ipswich H.S.

2:15 – 4:30 - Symphony Orchestra Winds

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - All members of W.E.

INTERMEZZO

Saturday, Dec. 5 Enrichment Day, Ipswich H.S.

1:00 – 3:30 – All 4:30-5:30 – Winds and Brass (with W.E.)

Sunday, Dec 6 – Call time for concert 2:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7 – Celebration party during last half of rehearsal.

Sectional Rehearsal Schedule for Intermezzo:

11/30: Sectionals (as needed)

12/5: Enrichment Day (Dress Rehearsal) – Winds and Brass will need to attend both the regular Intermezzo rehearsal and the Wind Ensemble rehearsal

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

PRELUDE/OVERTURE

Saturday, Dec. 5 – Enrichment Day, Ipswich H.S. 1:00 – 3:00

Sunday, Dec. 6 – Call time for concert 2:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7 – Celebration party during last half of rehearsal.

FLUTE CHOIRS

Please check with your conductor for your dress rehearsal time and place for the Dec. 6th concert.

Junior Flute and Flute Choir will perform at the 3:00 concert on Dec. 6th.

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

Please check with your conductor for your dress rehearsal time and place for the Dec. 6th concert.

CHORALE – Sign up now for our January 2010 session!

THANK YOUs

A belated thank you to all of our flyer posters:

Cara Doran, Mary Elkin, Barbara Bouchard, Mary Ann Lidrbauch, Betsy Johnson, Annie Charbonneau, Kerry Alvino, Sheila Jones, Kathleen August, Katherine Carlson, David and Heather Callaghan, Jane Theriault, Karen Broderick, Liz Conrad, Ying Su, Georgia Epstein, Jill Henry, Michelle Kane, Alyssa Fitzpatrick, Lynn Shane, Eva Ghika, Christina Gaynor, Mary Ellen Milne, Liz Webster, Ann Conte, Carol Hong, Laurie Schmidt, Ranjani Kannan, Martina Woulfe, Linda Leahy, Liz Brennan, Julie Hines, Fee Bongiorno, Karen Chiklakis, Maria Park, Heidi Martel, Joanne Baker, Cherith Smith, Hongying Zhang, Susan Hauck, Terry Myers, Elena Raucchi, Linda Mirabito, Janice Goodwin, Maria Schaller, Yosune Scheicher, Paula Soteropoulos, Angela Murphy, Joann Takahara, Colleen Werner, Robin Willcox, Julie Vance, Tracy Walsh, Katherine Carlson, Janet Ierardi, Liz MacDonald, Jianping Xiao, Kamaru, Cherekad and Theresa Burditt.

(if you posted flyers and we missed you here – let us know and thank you very much!)

Also thank you to our postcard mailing volunteers: Mary Ellen Milne, Maya Molla, Lua Booth, Karen Broderick, Maria Paz Schaller, Yosune Schleicher, Ruth Clogson, Amy Emmert.

Thank you very much to all of our November 22nd concert volunteers! (details to follow)

REPEAT INFORMATION

Photos are now available at the Masco Desk or NYSO Office

For those of you who ordered photos from Tasher Studio – they are available for pickup.

A number of students had photos taken during photo days but have not yet ordered their prints - please do so this week. Our final photo pickup will be next Monday December 7th.

Photos may be viewed and ordered at www.tasherstudio.com and www.kathyjoyce.com

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLES

The North Shore Bank has requested that again this year small groups of students (2, 3 or 4) perform holiday music in their banks throughout the North Shore (7 locations) on Saturday, December 19 from 9:00 - 1:00 - any hour + within that time frame. Students should sign up by contacting the office or emailing Trudy Larson at larsontrudy@comcast.net. Younger students wishing to play should prepare some pieces to play for Mrs. Larson before being accepted. Students in Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble need only let us know they are interested.

CONCERT CORNER

ROCKPORT MUSIC CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE TRITON BRASS QUINTET ON DECEMBER 5

The 2009-2010 Rockport Music Series continues with a program featuring John Harbison's "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and works by Bach, Monteverdi and others.

Patrons are invited to take a pre-concert tour of the Shalin Liu Performance Center building site starting at 5 p.m. on December 5.

Visit www.rockportmusic.org or see email attachment for details.