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**IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCHEDULE REMINDERS**

There will be **NO REHEARSAL** next Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Day. Please review the updated calendar sent out last week (and posted on our website) – make note of all important dates!

**CHAMBER ENSEMBLES**

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

At this point, each group should have chosen a student who will serve as a coordinator and contact person. If your group has not done this yet, please do so today.

Last week, we presented a list of potential outreach concert dates to each group, and asked you to sign up for one. If your group did not choose a date, you should do so immediately. Once you choose your outreach concert date, it is important to fully commit to this date since it is very difficult to replace a musician or to find another venue to fulfill your commitment. (Be sure and check out the Symphony Orchestra Box in Just a Note this week for more important information about March 21<sup>st</sup> concert.)

**NEW NYSO BROCHURE FOR DISTRIBUTION**

We are asking flyer distribution volunteers to help us place NYSO brochures in visible places in their towns. You will be contacted by e-mail. Last week, we sent a brochure home with each student. There are many extras available at the desk. ***Please insure that you received yours.***

**AD BOOK THANK YOU – FULL PAGE**

This week, we have the thank you packets for the full-page ads available and will send them home. If we give one to you to deliver to a business, please do so as soon as possible. We also have the thank you letter for the smaller ads. Be sure and deliver your thank you and show the businesses the program book.

**SNOW DAY INFORMATION**

A reminder re: snow days: We follow the Masconomet High School closing policy. Should Masco close on a Monday (even mid-day), we will cancel rehearsal. We will put the announcement on our office voicemail and web site and send a group e-mail. If you have a question, you may always contact Sarah or Lisa.

**Please insure that we have your current email address – a number of email addresses we have are invalid. If you have not been receiving Just a Note via email each week, then your email address on file with our office needs to be updated.**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **CONCERT CDs**

If you ordered December concert CDs, they will be available shortly for pick-up at the rehearsal desk. If your CDs are paid for, we will mail them or send them home with your child - otherwise we will hold them at the desk. We also have a few extra CDs and can order more if you forgot to order yours.

### **ANNUAL FUND**

Our 2009-2010 Annual Fund Campaign is in full swing. Please read the letter you received and consider making a donation of any size. Many organizations look at the level of participation in the Annual Fund campaign when considering donating to NYSO; the higher the level of family participation, the more likely it is that we will receive additional outside funding. In addition, many corporations will match any donation given to NYSO. Please check with your employer. If you know others who appreciate what NYSO offers to youths and the community, please share the letter with them and ask them to consider making a contribution.

## **ENSEMBLES**

**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** – Strings rehearse 5:00-5:40; Chamber Music groups rehearse 5:45 – 7:00 pm  
We have a number of flyers and posters for college music programs for all those seniors and juniors who are considering a college with a strong music program. These are available at the desk. We also have some summer music festival flyers for students to consider.

**March 7<sup>th</sup> concert:** - All chamber ensembles at Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 3:00 p.m. Call time 2:00 p.m.

**March 21<sup>st</sup> concert (NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

A reminder that the honors chamber ensembles (to be chosen at the Mar 7 concert) will be performing again at the Firehouse Center for the Arts. This is a special honor that we are asked to perform this concert – and a great opportunity for those selected to play. This has been in our calendar and Just a Note. We planned it to be close to the March 7<sup>th</sup> concert so groups will still be well-rehearsed. Please SAVE this date and let us know if by any chance you have a conflict. For those chosen, a conflict could affect the entire group's ability to perform so we must know now.

**WIND ENSEMBLE** – Chamber Music 5:45 – 7:00 pm

(See Symphony Orchestra for notice re: college and summer flyers.)

**INTERMEZZO** – We would like to form a social committee to plan an event for this year. Students please stop by the Masco desk with your suggestions, for example a spring soccer game with snacks. Parents, let us know if you would like to help organize the event.

**OVERTURE & PRELUDE** – No new announcements

**FLUTE CHOIRS** – No new announcements

**CLARINET CHOIR** – Rehearsals resume this week on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CHORALE** – No rehearsal until mid-January; start date TBD – sign up today for the second session!

## **Concerts and Events**

### **Master Class with Saxophonist Kenneth Radnofsky**

Trisha Craig, our very own Flute Choirs Conductor, shared with us an amazing masterclass happening at Music Makers later this month. The event is being co-sponsored by Buffet, so she would like to pass her savings along by offering a FREE performance spot to a NYSO saxophonist. Since several other students have expressed an interest (we will only have 4 performers), she would have to hear from the NYSO student by 1/14. . . First come, first served! See the attached flyer for details.

### **Credo Trio Chamber Music Concert Featuring Camera Dances by Scott Wheeler**

Saturday, January 16th at 7:00 pm - Gordon College, Phillips Recital Hall (255 Grapevine Rd, Wenham, MA)  
This performance is free and open to the public.

Consisting of internationally recognized performers Elizabeth Larson , Karen Burgman, and Stuart Pincombe, the Credo Trio is committed to presenting exciting and probing performances of the piano trio repertoire.

The core of their repertoire is the magnificent classical piano trio canon, but their virtuosity and flexibility allow them to step into other genres, presenting innovative programs that stimulate and delight diverse audiences. See the attached poster for details.

### **Symphony by the Sea Concerts**

Saturday, January 23rd- 8:00 PM  
First Universalist Church, Salem

Sunday, January 24th- 3:30 PM  
The Governor's Academy, Byfield

Concert Pre-Talk: 45 minutes prior to each concert

"Fantasia: Gems from the British Isles"

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis

ELGAR: Introduction and Allegro, Op. 47

FINZI: Interlude for Oboe and Strings, Op. 21 - Jonathan Knox, Oboe

BENJAMIN BRITTEN: Simple Symphony, Op. 4

Tickets available at the door or on-line: [www.symphonybythesea.org](http://www.symphonybythesea.org)

See the attached poster for details.