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**IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLYER MAILING TODAY, MONDAY, FEB. 1**

We need a few volunteers to fold flyers and apply labels and stamps for the concert flyer mailing during today's rehearsal. Please stop by the rehearsal desk if you are able to help.

**“Savor the Medley”: a Composition of Cuisine and Music**

Save the date – Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

The Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra kicks off its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with our spring fundraiser entitled “Savor the Medley”: a Composition of Cuisine and Music. Twelve of the finest Northshore area restaurants and wine distributors will be featured along with an auction and live musical entertainment. Held at the historic Stevens Estate in North Andover and open to the public.

Want to be a part of this event? Contact our event chair, Monique Johnson at [monique@monxdh.com](mailto:monique@monxdh.com)

**CHAMBER ENSEMBLES**

Here are the dates/locations/ensembles that we have scheduled so far:

(A detailed schedule with directions will be sent out separately)

March 13, 2:30 pm

Atria Merrimack Place - Confirmed

Bull -- Duncan

March 14, 2:00 pm

Brightview - Waiting for final confirmation from venue

Brooke -- Buczek

March 20, 2:00 pm

Emeritus at Cherry Hill (formerly Brighton Gardens) - TENTATIVE

Myers -- One flute choir

March 20, 2:00 pm

Edgewood Retirement Center - Confirmed

Taylor -- Select Flute Choir

April 10, 2:00 pm

Ashland Farms - Confirmed

Liu -- Simons

April 10  
Atria Marland Place - (waiting for final confirmation from venue/time)  
Diehl -- Suzuki violins -- Skinner

**MORE SMALL ENSEMBLES NEEDED FOR OUTREACH CONCERTS**

We are in need of some additional small ensembles to play at the outreach concerts with the chamber ensembles. If you are interested in being part of a group, please contact Trudy Larson.

**CONTINUUM CONCERT - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 3:00 p.m.**

**A.J. Gordon Memorial Chapel, 255 Grapevine Road, Gordon College, Wenham, MA**

*The NYSO Wind Ensemble* will be part of a concert with *The Gordon College Wind Ensemble* and *The Metropolitan Wind Symphony*. Program will include well-known band selections from composers including Samuel Hazo, Alfred Reed, Frank Ticheli, Alberto Ginastera, Malcolm Arnold, and more.

Admission is FREE for all friends and family of NYSO.

General admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12 and seniors

For more information, call 978-867-4369 or visit [www.gordon.edu](http://www.gordon.edu)

**ENRICHMENT DAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

**Ipswich H.S., 134 High Street, Ipswich, MA**

Our second semester Enrichment Day will take place on Saturday, March 6 from 1:00 – 4:30.

The schedule is as follows:

Overture and Prelude – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Intermezzo – 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Symphony Orchestra 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles will have their dress rehearsal for the March 7 concert from 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT – SUNDAY, MARCH 7 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street, Reading MA**

*This is a very special event* and we encourage EVERY member of NYSO and their families to attend.

This is a great opportunity to hear the individual instruments of the orchestra.

Flyers for this concert are available **today** at the rehearsal desk.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**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.

Thank you very much to all of our donors so far (in no particular order):

Tina Blythe and Lyle Davidson	Kim Nguyen	Mark and Heather Kolnsberg
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James Pelletier, D.D.S.	Dracut Firefighters Union	(Hurdle Hill Foundation)

### OFFICE WISH LIST

The NYSO Office is in need of the items listed below. If anyone would like to donate them for NYSO's use, it would be greatly appreciated! → Locking filing cabinet, small paper shredder, laptop computer

### ALL-STATE AUDITIONS

**Congratulations to the following NYSO students that were selected for All-State:**

[Clara Kim](#) and [Rebecca DeCoff](#)

Please let us know if you were selected so we can add your name to the list next week.

### JUNIOR DISTRICT AUDITIONS

Please let us know if you were selected for Junior Districts. We will print the list next week in Just a Note.

### CONCERT CDs

If you ordered December concert CDs, they are now available for pick-up at the rehearsal desk. If you already paid for your CDs and have not yet receive them, please pick them up at the desk on Monday or contact our office to arrange for pick-up. We also have a few extra CDs from the 3:00 pm concert and can order more if you forgot to order yours.

### AD BOOK INVOICES

For all Ad Book ads that have not yet been paid (or for any families that have not met their \$150 minimum), we will be sending invoices to the families, and ask that you follow up with your advertisers.

### AD BOOK THANK YOU

Copies of the ad book thank you letter are still available at the desk. Be sure to deliver your thank you and show the businesses the program book.

### SNOW DAY INFORMATION

A reminder regarding 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 ensure 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.**

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>** – Enrichment Day will also be the dress rehearsal for all chamber ensembles for their concert on Sunday, March 7. Please make sure you can attend.

**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.

### **Solo Auditions for March 21st concert:**

Anyone in Symphony Orchestra who would like to be considered for playing a solo at this concert may contact Mrs. Maxwell to set up an audition time. We will select one or two solos for the event.

**WIND ENSEMBLE** – See box regarding the Continuum Concert at Gordon College, in which the Wind Ensemble will be playing.

(See Symphony Orchestra for notice re: chamber music concerts, and 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** – We will be placing the order for the NYSO t-shirts as soon as we've received orders from everyone; we are still waiting for a few more to come in. If you have not yet done so, please stop by the rehearsal desk to place your order today. If this is a hardship for you, please contact Lisa. The t-shirts will be worn at some of our concerts later this year.

We would like to plan another social for Overture and Prelude for students to get better acquainted; perhaps a concert or meal out, or other event. We will need parents to plan and coordinate this event. Please let us know by email or phone if you would be willing to help with the planning.

**FLUTE CHOIRS** – No new announcements

**CLARINET CHOIR** – No new announcements

**CHORALE** – Unfortunately, we have not had enough students register for Chorale to start up again this semester. We will be holding auditions again in June; if you or someone you know is interested, please plan on auditioning.

### **CONCERTS AND EVENTS**

#### **Camp Encore/Coda**

A representative from Camp Encore/Coda will be at Masco 4:30-7:15 this Monday February 1st to share information about their summer program.