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IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND: 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 and directions, call 978-867-4369 or visit www.gordon.edu

ENRICHMENT DAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 6 – PLEASE NOTE THE SCHEDULE CHANGES

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

Our second semester Enrichment Day will take place on Saturday, March 6 from 1:00 – 3:15

The schedule is as follows:

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

Intermezzo and Symphony Orchestra – 1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles will have their dress rehearsal for the March 7 concert from 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Directions: http://www.ipswichschools.org/High_School/high_gen_dri.html

ENRICHMENT DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of six parents to assist Liz Conrad, our Hospitality Chair, with the snacks for the students during Enrichment Day – three parents to help with set-up and food preparation from 1:00 – 2:00 pm, and the other three to help serve the food and clean up from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa or Sarah as soon as possible.

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.

Directions: www.uureading.org (left menu bar)

CONCERT FLYERS AND BROCHURES STILL AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

If Shannon Roberts has asked you to post flyers and/or distribute brochures in your town, and you have not yet received them, please stop by the rehearsal desk today. If you are unable to do so, we will try to send your packet home with your child.

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE OUTREACH CONCERT SCHEDULE

Here are the dates/locations/ensembles that we have scheduled so far (this is still a work-in-progress)

March 13, 2:30 pm - Atria Merrimack Place

Bull -- Duncan -- Nick and Alyssa duets -- Kim trio (Justin, Ajmal and Oliver) -- Maddie and Claire (tentative)

March 14, 2:00 pm - Brightview

Brooke -- Buczek -- Jillian and Sarah -- Clarinet Choir

March 20, 2:00 pm - Emeritus at Cherry Hill (formerly Brighton Gardens)

Myers -- Junior Flute Choir -- Flute Choir -- Emily Dow -- Peter Cahaly

March 20, 2:00 pm - Edgewood Retirement Center

Taylor -- Select Flute Trio -- Callie Ierardi -- Sara Cook -- Fiddling

April 10, 2:00 pm - Ashland Farms

Liu -- Simons -- Suzuki violins -- Kimberly and Meghan duets

April 10, 3:00 pm - Atria Marland Place

Diehl -- Skinner -- Ava Hampton -- Hannah Elliott-Higgins

Attention Intermezzo and Wind Ensemble members

NYSO's Chamber music outreach concerts - looking for additional groups to perform

We are looking for additional ensembles to perform in several outreach concerts in March and April. If you are interested in playing with one or two of your fellow NYSO members in one of our concerts, we ask you to prepare music as a duet, trio or any other combination, and contact Trudy Larson at DevelDir@nysorchestra.org to schedule an audition.

We are also in need of a few small ensembles – 2-4 players – to perform at our *Savor the Medley* event on Saturday evening (between 7:30-8:15 or 8:15-9:00) April 10th. If interested, please contact Lisa Maxwell.

NYSO HONORS CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT – SUNDAY, MARCH 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, MA

The Symphony Orchestra Honors Chamber Ensembles (to be chosen at the March 7 concert) will be performing. It is a special honor that we are asked to perform in this concert. Please SAVE this date and plan to attend. Admission is free for NYSO families; otherwise, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Reserve your tickets at <http://www.firehouse.org> or call the box office at 978 462-7336.

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

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

The Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra kicks off its 20th 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

SILENT AUCTION

This year's spring silent auction will be held at our new Savor the Medley event in April. Please be thinking of items to donate or solicit from businesses. This is a voluntary fundraiser. If you have an item to donate, or a service – OR if you are willing to contact a business for us, we will supply you with the request letter to take along. We appreciate all the help you can give. We are in need of volunteers to help us obtain items and to run the event on April 10th. If you are interested, please contact Monique Johnson at monique@monxdh.com

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 our youth and local communities please share the letter with them and ask them to consider making a contribution.

Donations can be mailed in the envelope that is enclosed in your letter or can be left at the rehearsal desk. We also have extra donation envelopes at the desk if you need one.

Thank you to the following additional NYSO families and friends whose donations we have received as of **February 24!** If we somehow missed your name, please let us know.

NYSO Families

Seung and Sun Suk Kim

Currently, **32%** of total NYSO families have donated to the Annual Fund. Below, we have listed the percentage of families donating by ensemble. The board is hoping to see **100%!!**

Flute Choir	78%
Select Flute Choir	40%
Symphony Orchestra	40%
Clarinet Choir	38%
Jr. Flute Choir	33%
Intermezzo	32%
SO and WE	30%
Wind Ensemble	27%
Overture	21%
Prelude	14%

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 printer, small paper shredder, laptop computer

ALL-STATE AUDITIONS

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

JUNIOR DISTRICT AUDITIONS

Congratulations to the following NYSO students that were selected for Jr. Districts!

Katherine Geffken and Yoojin Kim

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

NYSO AUDITION DATES IN JUNE

Please save the following dates for auditions for the 2010-2011 season, which will tentatively take place the week of June 7-12.

All Strings: Monday, June 7, Wednesday, June 9, and Friday, June 11 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Winds, brass and percussion for all ensembles and Chorale: Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We will be signing up for times beginning mid-April. Auditions will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church in Topsfield as in past years. If you cannot make these dates, you need to let us know. We will try to schedule an alternative time. *All students are required to re-audition each year.*

NYSO AWARDS NIGHT – DATE CHANGE

The date of Awards Night has been changed to Monday, May 10th (previously scheduled for May 17th). Please save this date and be sure to attend so we can honor our students' hard work this year! This event is for the ensembles that rehearse on Mondays; the Flute and Clarinet Choirs will have their own awards ceremonies.

ENSEMBLES

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - Attention Orchestra Wind and Brass Players:

Dr. Pavasaris has requested that all wind/brass players come to an orchestra rehearsal this Monday, March 1 from 5:00 - 6:20 PM, after which chamber music rehearsals will take place from 6:30 - 7:00 PM.

After this, you should attend the Wind Ensemble rehearsal from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

This is only for this week's rehearsal, March 1!

Strings: Orchestra rehearsal 5:00 – 6:20 PM, Chamber Music 6:30 – 7:00 PM

March 6th: 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 7th concert: **All chamber ensembles** at Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, Concert begins at 3:00 p.m. -- Call time 2:00 p.m.

Dress Code – regular concert dress for Symphony Orchestra.

Girls: Black dress or black skirt (mid-calf or longer)/ black dress pants – not tight, and black tops that cover the top of the skirt, black shoes and black tights or nylons.

(No tennis shoes, sandals, flip flops, white shoes or white tights.)

Boys: Black jacket, black pants, long sleeved white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes and black socks.

March 21st concert: A reminder that the honors chamber ensembles (to be chosen at the March 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 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.

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 on the table at the desk. We also have some summer music festival flyers for students to consider.

WIND ENSEMBLE – Regular rehearsal on Monday March 1, 6:00-8:00pm (Symphony Winds/Brass see schedule above)

February 28th concert: **All Intermezzo winds and brass and all members of Wind Ensemble** at Gordon College Memorial Chapel, Concert begins at 3:00 p.m. -- Rehearsal Call time 1:30 p.m.

Concert dress:

Girls: Black dress or black skirt (mid-calf or longer)/ black dress pants (not tight), and black tops that cover the top of the skirt, black shoes and black tights or nylons. **(No tennis shoes, sandals, flip flops, white shoes or white tights.)**

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INTERMEZZO – winds and brass playing in Wind Ensemble concert this Sunday.

OVERTURE & PRELUDE – No new information.

FLUTE CHOIRS – Jr. Flutes, Flute Choir, and Select Trio will be performing at outreach concerts on March 20th

CLARINET CHOIR – Will be performing at outreach concert on March 14th

KUDOS

HELP SAVE LIVES!

Sarah Perron, NYSO's Office Manager, is raising funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as a member of their Team in Training program (she is training to run a half marathon in June). For more information or to make a donation, please visit her website at <http://pages.teamintraining.org/ma/lkplacid10/saraheperron>.

No gift is too small! Each donation helps accelerate the process of finding a cure for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma; more than 823,000 Americans are battling these blood cancers. Your support is greatly appreciated!

REPEAT INFORMATION

WEB PAGE CALENDAR

Please note that you can always go to the web page and check our calendar for all events and rehearsals. Check the top of the home page, in the middle – “Calendar.” When you click, you will find calendars for Monday ensembles, Wednesday Clarinet Choir and Sunday Flute Choirs as well as our concert schedule for the season.

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 web site and send a group e-mail. If you have a question, you may always contact Sarah or Lisa. Ensembles that do not rehearse on Mondays will be called and/or emailed as needed.

CONCERTS/EVENTS

NEW ENGLAND BRASS BAND SATURDAY, MARCH 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The New England Brass Band (NEBB), a 30-piece brass and percussion ensemble, will perform in the Masconomet Regional Jr./Sr. High School auditorium. **Admission is now free and open to all!** Please see the attachment for more details, and be sure to visit their website: www.newenglandbrassband.org/

MASSACHUSETTS SUZUKI FESTIVAL 2010

MARCH 20TH & 21ST

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY, 33 GAINSBOROUGH ST, BOSTON
ELLEN LEVINE, DIRECTOR -- TERESA MIRAKIAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Please see the attachment for more details, and be sure to visit their website: www.masuzukifestival.org

COMPETITION AUDITION

BOSTON CIVIC SYMPHONY

Max Hobart, Music Director and Conductor

SECOND ANNUAL JAMES R. POWERS CONCERTO COMPETITION

The winner will perform a movement of a concerto with the Boston Civic Symphony at the orchestra's Family Concert on Sunday, Sunday, October 17, 2010, 2:00 pm at Regis College in Weston.

ELIGIBILITY: The competition is open to classical instrumentalists, (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp, guitar, and piano) ages 8-18, who reside and/or attend school in the greater Boston area, and who are not yet enrolled full-time in college or a conservatory. See attached flyer for audition details. *Application deadline– April 1, 2010*

SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS

SUMMER STRINGS

A summer music workshop

Week of July 5-9, 2010

8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday

Concert on Friday night

To be held Community Day Charter School
at 73 Prospect Street in Lawrence

Fiddling, dancing, violin group classes, chamber music and MORE!

Please see the attached flyer for more details,
or contact Trudy Larson at 978 685-7844 or larsonstrudy@comcast.net