

Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO)

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NYSO's continued success depends on our vibrant volunteer group. The Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) is very active and helps the orchestra in a myriad of ways. We appreciate the more than 85 percent of all families who participate in some area of volunteer service for the orchestra. Our goal is for 100 percent of families to volunteer in some capacity.

At auditions, a volunteer sheet will be provided with a list of activities for which we need volunteers. If you have not already done so, please look over the list carefully and check off the two or three places where you think you can best assist the orchestra, as we would like to fit you into an area where you would enjoy working. Once our volunteer coordinators have the volunteer forms, we will let you know which task you have been assigned.

Volunteer projects range from assisting with mailings during rehearsals to chairing our fundraising committees – each job is important and the work done assures the successful running of the orchestra. If you plan to remain at Masco during Monday rehearsals, drop by the office desk if you would like to help with a small project that day.

Our students rehearse diligently during the year in order to perform their best at our concerts. In order to ensure that concerts run smoothly, we require a minimum of 25 parents per concert to assist with various tasks, including pre-concert and intermission help at tables, ushers, room assistants and stage set up. We strongly encourage you to sign up to help during at least one NYSO concert.

Also on the volunteer sign-up sheet is a place to assist with our fundraising projects for the year. We will again be having a raffle of larger ticket items and smaller items as well as a few silent auction prizes in conjunction with our Spring Concert. This will take place in the concert hall lobby prior to the concert and during intermission. We hope that you will consider donating an item or two to the auction, help staff the event, or assist on the planning committee for this entertaining and important fundraiser.

Another new item on the volunteer form this year is a request for a parent liaison in each town. NYSO maintains a database of schools and their music directors on the North Shore and Merrimack Valley. The most effective way to keep the database current is for a parent to be in touch with the schools in his/her town at the beginning of the year to confirm our contact information is up to date.

Whether you enjoy publicity, telephoning, clerical work, photography, fundraising or writing, there is a volunteer opportunity waiting for you within NYSO. We appreciate your help in keeping NYSO running smoothly.