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IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM ADBOOK CAMPAIGN

Deadline for repeat ads: THIS WEEK ----- Deadline for all ads: Mon, Oct. 26th

Available ads – Once again this week, we will send the list of available ads to you **in the text of the email for the week.** Please see the "Repeat Information" section below for additional ad book information.

Important Photo Day Information

**Today: Remember to have your child arrive in concert dress if this is their ensemble's photo day!
If you have any questions about concert dress, please consult the handbook or the website. Flute
Choirs: Please note the new concert dress guidelines in your ensemble box below.**

We offer the opportunity for individual students to have their photos taken (at reasonable prices) with their instrument and may also order a group photo of their ensemble. To take advantage of individual photos, please plan to have your child arrive before rehearsal or stay late, as we will not want to interrupt rehearsals.

We have attached the prices and the process for ordering to the email along with this newsletter. You will find the instructions in the form re: ordering your photos online. You may order ahead and bring your check the day of the photo shoot. If you order online, you can give them a credit card or send a check. If you need a paper form, we will have some available.

October 19th – Photo Day schedule

3:45 – 4:30 - Individual Photos – (or after rehearsal)

5:15 - Prelude String Ensemble

5:30 - Overture String Ensemble

5:45 - Intermezzo Orchestra

6:00 - Junior Flute Choir

6:10 - Flute Choir

6:20 - Select Flute Choir

6:30 - Clarinet Choir

(Additional individual photos may be taken between or after group photos)

October 26th – Photo Day schedule

4:30 - 6:45 - Individual Photos (NOTE change - later start time!)

(Symphony – 4:30-5:00, Wind Ensemble – 5:00-6:00, all others – 6:00-6:45)

6:45 - Symphony Orchestra

7:00 - Wind Ensemble

(Additional individual photos may be taken between or after group photos)

All students in all ensembles should arrive in concert dress for group photos on their assigned days (and individual photos if you are planning to have one taken).

TUITION PAYMENTS DUE LAST WEEK!

If you have not yet turned in your tuition payment, written payment plan, or scholarship application, please do so at the rehearsal desk TODAY.

As noted in your packet and in the handbook, late payments will be assessed as follows:

October 5 – November 2 - \$25

After November 2 - \$50

See packets for fees.

For all Flute Choirs and Clarinet Choir, if your child is also a NYSO orchestra member, your rate is reduced by \$50. Please see your registration packet for details.

REGISTRATION PACKETS

We are still missing registration materials from several families. After today, families who have not returned their packets will be listed in an email as a reminder. Next week we will also have a list of those who still need to hand in forms at the desk. Rehearsal assistants will have a list and will let your child know.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Just so you know...NYSO now has a wonderful arrangement with the Gordon College Music Department where all sophomore Music Education majors are required to participate in the NYSO program in several ways. They are here to assist us by providing mentoring for our students, helping with sectional rehearsals and filling in any instrumental gaps we may have in our ensembles. They are not here to take the place of our NYSO students, only to enhance their experience. In return, the Gordon students are able to experience both middle and high school appropriate music and gain experience as teachers.

NYSO T-SHIRTS AND MUGS

Now is the time to order your t-shirts for Prelude and Overture students – sign up at the desk today! All Prelude and Overture members who do not yet have a t-shirt will need to order one, as they will be wearing them for the spring outreach concert. If this is a financial hardship for anyone, please speak with Lisa Maxwell. NYSO mugs may also be purchased at the desk for \$10.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of the following:

**A Symphony Orchestra rehearsal assistant;

**A concert flyer posting coordinator;

**A person to oversee our concert flyer mailings during rehearsal time.

PHONE TREES

Phone Trees are available at the desk for viewing today. We can also email the tree for your child's ensemble to you if you wish. Those needing to put carpools together can e-mail or call Sarah Perron.

THANK YOU

To Mary Ellen Milne for organizing our Photo Day Volunteers and to Sue Adams for her ongoing efforts in helping the NYSO office convert their bookkeeping system to QuickBooks – we couldn't do it all without our volunteers! Consider volunteering today – just stop by at the desk or office to find out how you can help!

CALENDAR CORNER**November 23rd Rehearsal:**

Reminder – we **will** have rehearsal on Monday November 23rd (it was left off the original calendar handed out at the June auditions). Please mark your calendars accordingly. Also note that we follow Masco's school calendar and closings.

November 22nd Concert:

The November 22nd Benefit Concert will be held at First Church, Ipswich. Concert begins at 3:00pm; Students are to arrive by 2:00. Performing that day will be Prelude, Overture, Intermezzo, and one or two of the Flute Choirs (TBD).

ENSEMBLES

PRELUDE AND OVERTURE – Photo Day: TODAY

We still have some copies of the "Winning Rhythms" book. If your child does not yet have one, please come to the rehearsal desk to pick one up. There is a cost of \$5.00 per book.

INTERMEZZO – Photo Day: TODAY

Combined auditions for November 22nd concert solos and/or Intermezzo Chamber Music Ensemble will be held on **October 26th with overflow auditions on November 2nd. Audition sign-up sheets are at the rehearsal desk today.**

1. Audition for solos in our November 22 concert. Each year we choose 2 or 3 students to perform a solo in the November Thanksgiving Benefit concert at First Church in Ipswich. Solos should be well prepared, memorized if possible and performed at the highest level.
2. Audition for Intermezzo Chamber Music Ensemble. Each year we choose 4-5 students to form an Intermezzo Chamber Ensemble. These students will have chamber music during the same times that Symphony Orchestra has their chamber music groups – 5:45 – 7:00 during December, January and February. There will be a fee of \$75 for each student to participate.

Sectional Rehearsal Schedule for Intermezzo:

(All rehearsals occur during normal 4:30-6:00 rehearsal times unless otherwise noted)

10/19: Strings, Winds and Brass

10/26: Winds and Brass rehearse 5:30-7:00pm (only) with Orch. 5:30-6:00, then with Wind Ensemble 6:00-7:00pm. Strings 4:30-6:00.

11/2: Strings, Winds and Brass

11/9: Full rehearsal

11/16: Full rehearsal

11/22: Concert at First Church Ipswich

11/23: Sectionals (as needed)

11/30: Winds and Brass rehearse 5:30-7:00pm (only): with Orch. 5:30-6:00, then with Wind Ensemble 6:00-7:00pm. Strings 4:30-6:00.

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

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – Photo Day: Oct. 26

Details coming soon about the **Concerto Competition**... Auditions will be held in January (date TBD). Winner will perform with the Symphony Orchestra at the May 2nd concert.

Black Music Folders - We now have more of the large black music folders. Any student who did not receive one may stop by the rehearsal desk to pick one up.

WIND ENSEMBLE – Photo Day: Oct. 26

FLUTE CHOIRS – Photo Day: TODAY

Please see the new performance attire requirements below, and wear the appropriate dress for Photo Day.

Jr. Flute Choir: black from waist to toes (including hosiery and shoes – no bare ankles or toes), white shirt/blouse/sweater (no tank tops)

Flute Choir: black from waist to toes (including hosiery and shoes – no bare ankles or toes), black shirt/blouse/sweater for the girls (no tank tops), black button-down shirt with black tie for boys

Select Flute Choir: black from waist to toes (including hosiery and shoes – no bare ankles or toes), solid color shirt/blouse/sweater for girls (no tank tops), solid color button-down shirt with black tie for boys

CLARINET CHOIR – Photo Day: TODAY

CHORALE – We were unable to offer Chorale this fall due to low enrollment numbers, but we are now auditioning for the second term, beginning in January. Please contact Sarah Perron to schedule an audition; spread the word to all your friends.

REPEAT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Please review the attendance policy in your packet and in your handbook for this year. Note that coming late equals ½ of an unexcused absence, and that students are allowed only 2 unexcused absences during each semester. Any sports excuse and other conflicts that you know about ahead of time must be cleared with the conductor of your ensemble, and please also let the office know. Games are excused; practices are not.

NYSO HANDBOOKS – 2009-2010

Handbooks were distributed in your registration packet at the first rehearsal. We have worked very hard to provide a handbook containing most of the information you will need for the year. Be sure to check that your student brought your handbook home and read it carefully.

LAWRENCE STRING PROGRAM – great opportunity for community service! NYSO student mentors needed. Student mentors are needed on Friday or Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. for NYSO's string program in Lawrence. NYSO students will work with a group of young, beginning and intermediate violinists from a wonderful program that NYSO has sponsored for ten years. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding program, please contact Trudy Larson for more details at (978) 685-7844.

CONCERT CORNER

"Superb" - The New Yorker
"Rich and Romantic" - The Strad
"Breath-taking Virtuosity" - The Boston Globe

The Topsfield Library is excited to present an evening of chamber music featuring **violinist Elizabeth Larson and cellist Soo Bae** on **Friday, October 23rd, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** These young, passionate players have been performing for most of their lives, bringing joy and wonder to their audiences on no less than four continents. Elizabeth Larson first soloed with the Boston Pops at age 11; recently, Soo Bae was the winner of the Concert Artists Guild International Competition, as well as winning the Canadian Council of the Arts Instrument Bank competition, which gave her the use of a c. 1696 Bonjour Stradivari cello for three years. Their musically rich program includes music from Ravel, Handel-Halverson, Kodaly, Gleire, Bartok.

When: **Friday, October 23rd, 2009, 7:30 p.m.**

Where: **Upstairs at the Topsfield Library**

1 S Common St, Topsfield, MA 01983-1496

Handicapped Accessible ~ Admission: **Free**

Seating is limited, doors open at: 7 p.m. For further information, please contact Library Director Jackie White at (978) 887-1528

Postcards advertising this concert are available at the rehearsal desk today.