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**IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCHEDULE REMINDERS**

Second semester for all Monday rehearsals begins TODAY, Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All Flute choir rehearsals began on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Clarinet Choir begins Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Chorale will begin in mid-January, if we can get a minimum of 16 students with a balanced mix of voices registered. If you are interested in joining the NYSO Chorale, please contact the office ASAP.

Symphony Orchestra wind and brass players will be starting their chamber music rehearsal at 5:45 p.m. for the next six weeks. Please arrive a little early to get to your room.

**CHAMBER ENSEMBLES**

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

Please note that for all rehearsals in January and February, chamber music ensembles meet from 5:45 – 7:00. For the winds, this means that you need to arrive by 5:35 to get to your ensemble room and be ready to begin at 5:45. **For Strings, you will still rehearse with the full ensemble from 5:00-5:40 each week.**

For all chamber music rehearsals, the Intermezzo string quartet will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will rehearse until 7:00 in the Intermezzo room.

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.

In order to give you lots of time to plan your schedule for the outreach concerts that each ensemble will be playing, we will be giving you the opportunity to sign up for one of the dates we will present to you in early January. Your group should look at these dates 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.

**NYSO Solo Competition – Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Ipswich High School Chorus Room**

Audition sign-up sheet will be available at the Masco Desk today. Please sign up for a time slot.

Winner will perform with the Symphony Orchestra at the May concert.

- \* Students must be in Symphony Orchestra or Wind Ensemble
- \* Students are to have their piece memorized and perform it by memory
- \* Students will need to audition with an accompanist

**AD BOOK THANK YOU – FULL PAGE**

We have the thank you packets ready for the full-page ads and will be handing them out today. They will be at the desk for those of you who brought in full-page ads. 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.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **CONCERT CDs**

If you ordered December concert CDs, they will be available soon. It's not too late to order a CD of our December concerts! The cost is \$13.00 per CD. If you wish your CD(s) to be mailed, an extra \$3.00 will be charged. If your CDs are paid for, we will send them home with your child as soon as they become available, otherwise we will hold them at the desk.

#### **CONCERT DVDs**

The DVDs will be coming soon. We are still working them out with the person who recorded them. Orders for DVDs of the December concerts may now be placed. The cost will be \$16.00 per DVD. Please contact Sarah if you would like to order one.

#### **NYSO BROCHURE AVAILABLE**

Our new brochure for 2009-2010 is available today! Please take some and share them with a friend or with potential new NYSO families. We will be passing them out to all students at rehearsal on Monday and sending them to the rehearsals that will take place on other days.

#### **ANNUAL FUND**

Our 2009-2010 Annual Fund Campaign continues this month. 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 percentage 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.

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rebecca DeCoff, Colby Thompson, Gavin Batsimm, Laura Kazmer, Phillip Joyce, Claire Werner, Nicholas Jean, Ellie Dolan, Molly Baker, Maddie Werner, Maggie Brown, Libby Brown, Katie Johnson, Meghan Friedman, Kimberly Sheridan and Elizabeth Molla who played at the North Shore Banks on Saturday December 19th. The bank executives were very pleased. You all did a wonderful job!

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

**WIND ENSEMBLE – Chamber Music winds group rehearses 5:45 – 7:00 pm**  
(See Symphony Orchestra for notice re: college and summer flyers.)

#### **INTERMEZZO –**

##### **Sectional Rehearsal Schedule for Intermezzo (January):**

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

01/04: Full rehearsal

01/11: Sectionals (as needed)

01/18: No Rehearsal (Martin Luther King Day)

01/25: Winds and Brass rehearse 5:30-7:00pm (only): with Orch. 5:30-6:00, then with Wind Ensemble 6:00-7:00pm. Strings rehearse 4:30-6:00.

(Full rehearsals, enrichment day and concert for the remainder of the 2010 schedule as noted on calendar)

**OVERTURE & PRELUDE – No new announcements**

**FLUTE CHOIRS – No new announcements**

**CLARINET CHOIR** – No rehearsal until January 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **MASCO CAMP FAIR**

The Masco Music Parents Association will be hosting a Camp Fair at Masconomet High School on January 9<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 in the cafeteria. Camps from all over New England will be there to answer questions and give out information. The event is free to the public. See attached flyer for more details.

#### **CREDO DAY – CREDO SUMMER PROGRAM – THE CREDO TRIO**

Attention all NYSO string students ages 12 and up and who are at least in Book 4 Suzuki or comparable! Anyone wishing to participate in a great chamber music day - called "Credo Day Boston" at Gordon College on Sat. Jan 16, should be sure and register on line this week at:

[CredoChamberMusic.org](http://CredoChamberMusic.org)

The day is free and will include:

A full day of master classes, clinics and services projects for **string students age 12-23**

Featuring:

- Oberlin Conservatory String Department Chair Peter Slowik
- The Credo Trio

All applicants who register by January 7 will be entered in a drawing for free strings from D'Addario

**Registration deadline: January 12th**

In addition, if you would like to be part of a wonderful chamber music week in the summer, CredoGordon will be taking place from August 1-7 at Gordon College. Check that out on the web site also. Students may audition for this summer program on Friday, Jan 15th from 7-9 p.m. or on the 16th during the Credo Day Boston. Be sure and register at the site above where you will find all the information. We need to have you on the schedule if you plan to audition. Applicants will be required to play two contrasting styles (melodic and technical) – either contracting movements from the same piece or two separate pieces.

Credo Trio will perform a free concert at Gordon College on Sat. January 16 at 7:00 p.m. (following Credo Day Boston). The concert is open to all. Don't miss this wonderful concert by nationally acclaimed musicians. The trio includes Elizabeth Larson, whom many of you have heard and know. The music will include a new composition by Scott Wheeler, internationally renowned composer from the Boston area.