



Just a Note

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CONCERT INFORMATION

Wind and Chorale Concert

Saturday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. Flute, Clarinet, and Chorale special event! The concert will be held at Topsfield Congregational Church – 9 Common Street – right in the center of the triangle, across from the town green. (Directions below.) The reception will be held across the street in the church's office and function building.

We encourage all NYSO families and friends to attend!

Call time for the performers on Saturday is 3:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal will be as follows:
Please USE THE SIDE DOOR OF THE CHURCH for the dress rehearsals. ***Be sure to bring stands both for rehearsal and the concert!***

Clarinet Choir 3:30 – 4:30
Chorale – 4:30 – 5:30
Senior Flute – will not rehearse on Friday, but will do a warm up at 3:00 on Saturday
Select Flute – 6:00 – 7:30.

Directions to Congregational Church of Topsfield

From Route 95: Take Exit 52 toward Topsfield Center (1 mile). Bear right at the fork. The church will be on your left and the Emerson Center is directly across the Common from the church. The church's parking lot is just past the Emerson

Center. You may also park on the streets adjacent to the church.

From Route 1:

At the intersection with Route 97, go west 0.5 miles to Topsfield Center. The Emerson Center is on your immediate right and the church is across the street.

Concert CDs

Our concerts on Sunday, May 4th were recorded. Please send us an email if you'd like to order one. All CDs must be prepaid. Prices are: \$13.00 per CD (please specify concert 1 – 3:00 p.m. or concert 2 – 5:00 p.m.). We hope to have the CDs ready by auditions. If you will not be able to pick yours up at auditions, they will be available at Trudy's home or you may pay the mailing charge of \$3.00.

Book Drive for Mississippi

Thank you to all of you who brought in books for grades 3-6. We received well over 700 books. Special thanks to Kristina Bond who increased this project by including her school and brought in many more books!

GENERAL INFORMATION

NYSO Overture - Newsletter

The Spring Overture will be up on the web this week. Many thanks to Gale Batsimm, Editor and to Kristina Cicelova who did the graphics design. This edition also has a photo of our graduating seniors and their memories of NYSO.

Volunteers for audition days!

We will need several volunteers to help out for short segments of audition days. If you can stay after your child's audition or come before for an hour or so, this would be very helpful. Please contact Sarah Perron. (See contact info above.)

Ad Book – Looking ahead! Summer soliciting available

Several people have asked if they can solicit their ads for next year during the summer. Some businesses prefer to allocate their donations earlier in the year. We will have some ad packets available at auditions, but if you know you want one, would you please e-mail. Often you get better response by doing this early!!

Annual Fund

Many thanks to all who have thus far contributed to NYSO's annual fund (mail was last picked up on May 10th.) Today we are at 48% of all NYSO families. We continue to welcome your contributions.

NYSO Families

Joey and Julianne Hines

Former Families and Friends of NYSO

Richard and Joan Campbell

CALENDAR

(All our calendar events are also up on our web page.)

May

16 – Dress Rehearsal for Flute Choirs, Clarinet Choir, and Chorale – See first box for times

17 – Flute Choirs, Clarinet Choir and Chorale concert (and awards) at **Topsfield Congregational Church**.

4:00 p.m. Call time 3:00 pm.

June

9 – String auditions 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

11 – String auditions 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

13 – String auditions 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

14 – Wind and brass auditions 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 – **note the change of ending time.**

REPEAT INFORMATION

2008-2009 Audition Flyers and Requirements

Audition flyers and requirements were emailed to everyone a few weeks ago. We are currently holding sign-ups for audition times, which can be done via email or phone to Sarah Perron, who will schedule ALL auditions. See contact information above.

NYSO Audition Dates in June

Please save the following audition dates for the 2008-2009 season, which will take place the week of June 9.

All Strings: Mon. June 9; Wed., June 11;

Fri. June 13 - 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Winds, brass and percussion for all ensembles:

Saturday, June 14th. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We are currently signing students up for audition times. Auditions will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church in Topsfield as in past years. Please contact Sarah Perron for your audition time. (See contact info. above.)

If you cannot make these dates, you need to let us know. We will try to schedule an alternative time.

Directions to Trinity Episcopal Church, Topsfield - 124 River Road.

From points east: Take 97 North to the stop sign in the center of Topsfield. Go straight through intersection onto High Street extension, to next stop sign and continue straight onto Washington Street until it forks widely to the left. Take this left and continue for about 0.5 mile and turn left onto River Road.

From Masconomet HS: Turn right onto Endicott Rd. Take first right onto River Rd. After two very short blocks, take a sharp left and then an immediate right turn into the church parking lot. Enter through the main doors in the back of the parking lot.

ENSEMBLE CORNER

CHORALE - Chorale will perform at the May 17th concert (see info in concert information box on first page).

FLUTE CHOIRS and CLARINET CHOIR -

The Saturday, May 17 concert. It will be held at **Topsfield Congregational Church at 4:00 p.m.** **Call time is 3:00 pm.** The dress rehearsal will be on Friday, May 16. See concert information box on first page for times for your ensemble.

Be sure to bring a stand to both the rehearsal and the concert.

Summer Program

Gordon College Summer Music Academy

June 23 – 27 – a one-week daytime program for fourth through twelfth graders, is designed to help aspiring singers and instrumentalists develop their talent, build confidence and strengthen technique. The Academy offers band, chorus and string ensembles and music elective courses such as music theory, world music and percussion, eurhythmics, music technology, musical theatre and more.

\$350 for the week. Scholarships available. To register, visit the website www.gordon.edu/sma or request a registration form by phone or email. 978 867-4364 or sma@gordon.edu/sma