



May 4, 2009

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IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE IN MAY 9TH CONCERT CALL TIME FOR PRELUDE & OVERTURE

We would like Prelude and Overture to arrive at the Rogers Center for the Arts at **2:30 pm** on Saturday, May 9th, so as to have a little extra rehearsal time on stage prior to the concert. If this is a problem for anyone, please notify Trudy.

RAFFLE ENVELOPES WITH TICKETS AND LETTER

We prefer that all tickets be turned in by **TODAY**, Monday, May 4th, but can also include them if they are brought in on May 9th before the 4:00 concert.

At the last rehearsal before vacation, each family should have received an envelope with 5 raffle tickets and a letter (if your child was not at rehearsal, we mailed your envelope to you). **You may pick up more tickets to sell at the desk or by emailing the office. We will make sure they go to your child at his or her rehearsal.**

This year, tickets will be already split in two parts (rather than a tear off) – a.) the part that lists the items to be won and b) the stub that you will fill out or have the purchaser fill out. Please put all stubs in your envelope with the money for the tickets and return as soon as possible at your child's rehearsal. If their rehearsal day is Monday, either give them to the desk or to your rehearsal assistant parent. If you meet on another day, (Clarinet Choir, Chorale, Flute Choir, or Select Flute), please return them to your conductor. You may also mail in the stubs and the money if you wish.

Raffle ticket pricing: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. We also offer 12 tickets for \$40.00.

CONCERT POSTCARDS AVAILABLE AND FLYERS EMAILED

The new concert postcards are available at the desk. Please take them to any friends and family you want to invite. This is a great way to give them a simple, colorful reminder! Here's a great idea: Take a postcard to businesses that purchased ads through you!

SPRING RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION – May 9th at the concerts

Online bidding has begun! Visit our online auction site at <http://nysorchestra.cmarket.com> to view and bid on 50 wonderful items!

*****For added convenience, we will have the ability to accept credit and debit cards at the raffle and silent auction on May 9th, with the exception of American Express cards.**

We still need some additional smaller items for the raffle part – especially items for children and families. Please continue to help us find items if you can. **Themed baskets make great items! – sports, movie night, “sweet tooth”, wine, “bookworm,”- be creative!** Students can participate also -a couple hours of yard work, or older students could donate a great gift of an evening of babysitting! We will need to know ahead of time what you are bringing so we can prepare the paperwork. **You can bring your item to the concert early! (By 2:45 p.m.) Or, you may bring your items in early to a rehearsal. For those families who will be coming to the second concert (7:00 p.m.), we will need your items ahead of time.**

We could use a few more volunteers, especially for set up! Please let us know if you are willing to serve in some capacity for this important fundraiser. This event does not require a large amount of time. It does require some preparation of the items, monitoring of the tables and selling of tickets at the event itself.

NYSO'S FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Orchestras across America are holding food drives to feed the hungry. NYSO will be holding a food drive at our May 9th concert. We are asking everyone to consider bringing a donation of any amount and kind to the concert. Please choose food from the following list. We will be benefiting "Neighbors in Need" food pantry in Lawrence – they do a wonderful job!

Canned Food

Shelf Stable 1% Milk (e.g. Parmalat)
Canned Beans, especially:
Goya—Pink Beans
Goya—Green Pigeon Peas (Gandules)
Tuna and Canned Chicken
Canned Vegetables—All Kinds
Canned Fruit—All Kinds (preferably no added sugar)
Spaghetti Sauce with Meat

Packaged Food

Cereal—**preferably NOT sweetened**
Rice—Canilla or Carolina
NOT Uncle Ben's or Minute Rice
Pasta—All Kinds

Baby Needs

Formula—"Good Start" or Enfamil with Iron
Baby Food—fruits and vegetables
Diapers

ANNUAL FUND DONATIONS

Thank you to the following people whose donations we have received as of May 4, 2009! If we somehow missed your name, please let us know. If you still plan to send us a donation, please let us know by email so we can put your name on the list! The top ensemble giving will be announced at Awards Night.

NYSO Families

Gerry and Susan Dolan
Jules and Georgia Epstein
Debbie and Tom Koulopoulos
Samantha and Steven Sheridan
Colleen and Tim Werner
Jerry and Krista Witt

Currently, 46% of total NYSO families have donated to the Annual Fund. Below, we have listed the percentage of families donating by ensemble.

Clarinet Choir – 55%
Overture – 52%
Select Flute – 50%
Prelude – 47%
Intermezzo – 46%

Symphony Orchestra – 42%
Wind Ensemble – 37%
Flute Choir – 33%
Chorale - 29%

CONCERT INFORMATION

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH CONCERTS – ROGERS CENTER FOR THE ARTS, MERRIMACK COLLEGE

DIRECTIONS TO THE ROGERS CENTER

315 Turnpike Street (Rt. 114), North Andover MA – at the intersection of Routes 125 and 114

FROM BOSTON

Route 93 North to exit 41, Route 125 to Andover/North Andover. At the lights at the intersections of Rts. 114 and 125, take a left onto Rt. 114 North. At next light, take left, entrance to campus is on the left. Approximately 25 minutes to campus.

FROM METROWEST BOSTON

Route I-95 North (128) to Exit 37B (Route 93 North). Follow Route 93 North to Exit 41, Route 125 Andover/North Andover. At the lights at the intersections of Rts. 114 and 125, take a left onto Rt. 114 North. At next light, take left, entrance to campus is on the left.

FROM POINTS NORTH

Route 95 South to 495 South (traveling from New Hampshire); Take exit 42A. Follow Route 114 toward Middleton. At the fifth set of traffic lights (approximately one mile), take a right. The entrance to the campus is on the left.

4:00 p.m. concert (Call time is 2:30 p.m. for Prelude, Overture, and Lawrence, and 3:00 p.m. for all other ensembles)

Prelude	Flute Choir
Overture	Select Flute Choir
Lawrence Youth String Ensemble	Clarinet Choir
Intermezzo Orchestra	

The reception will take place between the concerts along with the raffle and silent auction.

7:00 p.m. concert (Call time is 6:00 p.m.)

Chorale, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble

Concert Call Time: In case there is any question about what this means, we would like to remind all parents that call time is when the students should be ready to warm up, in concert dress, with music and instrument. We will be arranging for each ensemble to have 10-15 minutes on the stage at the Rogers Center before the concert. It is especially important that all students arrive 10-15 minutes before call time so every ensemble gets a chance on the stage.

FLOWERS FOR CONCERTS

We will again be providing roses for parents to purchase as a gift for their students before the concerts. The roses will have a card and will be tied in a ribbon. We will be ordering more this concert since these flowers are very popular. Prices: 1 rose - \$3.00; 2 roses - \$5.00; 3 roses - \$7.00

CONCERT CDs

Our May 9th concerts will be recorded and you can order your CD starting this week. CDs will cost \$13.00 for each concert. If you wish your CD(s) to be mailed, an extra \$3.00 will be charged.

CONCERT RECEPTION

We ask families to bring a plate of finger food for the reception, which will take place between the two concerts. While not mandatory, it is a great way to acknowledge our students' hard work and make it a festive occasion.

DRESS CODE FOR CONCERTS

Prelude, Overture, and Intermezzo

Girls: Long black skirts/black pants and white blouses that can be tucked in; black shoes and black tights or nylons (**No** tennis shoes, sandals, flip flops, white shoes or white tights).

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

Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Flute and Select Flute Choirs and Clarinet Choir:

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 sleeve white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes and black socks.

NYSO Chorale:

Chorale girls will have matching tops and floor-length black skirts. (Boys will wear concert dress for Symphony Orchestra (See above).

INTERMEZZO, OVERTURE, & PRELUDE OUTREACH CONCERT, MAY 11

These ensembles will perform an outreach concert at the Ipswich Senior Center on May 11. Please remember **NOT** to go to Masconomet! Go straight to the Senior Center.

This concert will be at 4:15 p.m. – Please arrive by 3:45. (3:30 if at all possible). There will be cookies and punch for all groups after the concert. Come and enjoy sharing your music and having fun with your friends. See directions below.

Directions to Ipswich Senior Citizens Center

Directions: 25 Green Street – Ipswich; (978) 356-6650.

From Ipswich High School, drive east toward the center of Ipswich. Where the road curves to the right at the Dunkin Donuts (at a stop), stay straight ahead on High Street. (Go to the end of High Street (T intersection) and take a right (onto County St) Go one block and you will come to Green Street – 4 way stop. Take a left and you will see the Senior Center on the right in the large brick building (formerly the Middle School) at the end of that block.

Coming from the south, take 133/1A into Ipswich - past the YMCA – you will come into a square and see a small green on your left – where 133/1A turns left. You go straight– do not turn left and go into the square. Stay straight onto County Road, pass Ascension Memorial Church and watch for Green Street. (You will see a sign for Caldwell Nursing Home and Town Hall). Take a right onto Green Street and the Senior Center will be in the large brick building on your left (Town Hall is on the

right immediately after the ball fields)). The door is on the right side of the building as you face it. It is important to park out on the street and leave the closer spaces for the seniors.

NYSO Fundraiser and Social Event - DINNER AT FUDDRUCKERS IN NORTH ANDOVER
Monday, May 11, 2009 5-8p.m.

**Intermezzo, Overture and Prelude Ensembles social event and
GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR ALL OF NYSO**

Route 114 West - 550 Turnpike Street near the intersection of Routes 125 and 114.

Fuddruckers will be donating 20% of every meal purchased with the coupon that we will be handing out today and sending out by email. Please share these coupons with friends and family and join us for a special NYSO gathering. Fuddruckers will also donate a percentage of any meal purchased by any guest that evening – even people not with a NYSO coupon. It is a great way to enjoy a dinner out and to benefit NYSO.

FLUTE CHOIRS and CLARINET CHOIR, CONCERT

Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m. Flute and Clarinet Choirs' special event! The concert will be held at Topsfield Congregational Church. All time is 2:00 p.m. A reception will be held at the end of the concert.

**ALL RETURNING FLUTE CHOIR AND SELECT FLUTE CHOIR MEMBERS
IMPORTANT AUDITION CHANGE FOR THIS COMING YEAR**

All returning flute players in Flute Choir and Select Flute Choir **will be** auditioning for the coming year on Saturday, June 13. Please contact Sarah Perron for an audition time. If you cannot audition on that day, please work out a time with your conductor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

AWARDS NIGHT – MONDAY, MAY 18 AT 6:30 PM, MASCONOMET CAFETERIA

For Prelude, Overture, Intermezzo, Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble.
(Flute and Select Flute, and Clarinet Choir will celebrate at their concert on May 16.)

Plan now to attend this special event. This is a great way to celebrate the end of the year. We will provide cake and punch. There will be a short meeting with all families where we honor volunteers and conductors and review the year while enjoying dessert. After this, each ensemble will meet in their rehearsal space for awards.

VOLUNTEERS FOR AUDITION DAYS

We will need several volunteers to help out for short segments of the 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.

NYSO T-SHIRTS

The t-shirts are here! If you ordered one, and have not yet picked it up, you may do so at the desk today.

NEED FOR AN OFFICE SPACE FOR NYSO FOR 2009-2010

With the change in Executive Director for next year, we are looking for an office space in the area that a company might be able to donate to us for a tax deduction or rent us for a very low cost. Some companies have inside offices that they are unable to rent and are sometimes willing to donate. If you have information that would help us in this, please let us know.

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, please e-mail us. The ad prices will be slightly increased for next year.

ENSEMBLES

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA -

Save the day and time: **Extra rehearsal, Thursday May 7th - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., tentatively at Ipswich High.** This rehearsal is on your calendars and is critical for our concert on May 9th. Please make every effort to attend.

Solo Recital for Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble students: It is definite! We are going to have a solo recital on Monday, May 18th right after awards night – at 7:30 in the rehearsal room down from the Band room for those students who would like to have an opportunity to perform for their fellow NYSO members and any other friends and family that would like to attend. We have several students interested in performing, but can add a few more. Please contact Mrs. Larson.

WIND ENSEMBLE –

(See Symphony Orchestra for notice re: solo recital and college and summer flyers.)

INTERMEZZO – Ipswich Senior Center Outreach Concert – Mon. May 11, 4:15 pm (call time 3:45 pm)

Social Event: We are having a dinner event at Fuddruckers. See the Fuddruckers Box above.

OVERTURE & PRELUDE – May 9th concert call time has been changed to 2:30 p.m. Ipswich Senior Center Outreach Concert – Mon. May 11, 4:15 pm (call time 3:45 pm) **Social Event:** We are having a dinner event at Fuddruckers. See the Fuddruckers Box above.

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CLARINET CHOIR: The Saturday, May 16 concert will be held at Topsfield Congregational Church at 3:00 p.m. Call time is 2:00 pm. Returning members are not required to audition in June.

CHORALE: Returning Chorale members need not audition for next season.

REPEAT INFORMATION

2009-2010 AUDITION FLYERS AND REQUIREMENTS

You may now sign up for audition times at the desk, or you may call or email Sarah Perron, who will schedule ALL auditions. We e-mailed the audition flyer and requirements last week; they are also both available at the rehearsal desk. PLEASE NOTE the requirements for the minor scales for strings: they will be melodic minor instead of harmonic minor scales. Please send the flyer and requirements to any students you know who may be interested in being part of NYSO next year.

Please save the following audition dates for the 2009-2010 season, which will take place the week of June 8-13. All Strings: Mon, June 8, Wed, June 10, and Fri, June 12, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Winds, brass and percussion for all ensembles (including flute and clarinet choirs) and Chorale: Saturday, June 13. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Auditions will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church in Topsfield as in past years. If you cannot make these dates, please let us know so we can 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.

CONCERTS

"Chanson d'amour" A Mother's Day recital - Sunday, May 10 at 4:00 PM, First Church, Wenham
<http://firstchurchwenham.org/>

Featuring Lynn Shane, soprano, Sanae Kanda, piano and Junko Simons, cello.

The program will include various classical and musical theatre selections by American composers (Beach, Bernstein, Chaplin, Dello Joio, Kanda, Previn, Rodgers and Hammerstein, to name a few)

The first 50 mothers to attend will receive a Mother's Day flower!

Tickets sold at the door: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors and youth. Children under age 12 - FREE.

Proceeds to benefit the music program at First Church.