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IMPORTANT MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE REMINDERS

All Monday ensembles will rehearse on Dec. 6th.

Only chamber ensembles will rehearse on December 13th. Everyone will arrive at 5:35 and be done at 7:00 pm

All ensembles will be on vacation Dec. 20 and 27th. Second semester will begin on Monday, January 3, 2010.

SNOW DAY INFORMATION

A reminder regarding 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 web site and office phone voicemail. If you have a question, you may always contact Marc or Sarah. Flute Choir members should check with their conductor directly if weather is questionable.

SENIOR DISTRICTS

Congratulations to all who auditioned for Senior Districts. We like to recognize those who have been accepted by listing their names in Just a Note. Please email us when you know if you have been selected, as we have no other access to the information.

We have received notice of the following students being accepted to Senior Districts. Congratulations!

Michael Riddle

CONCERT WEEKEND INFORMATION

Reminders for this weekend!

ENRICHMENT DAY

Ipswich High School Performing Arts Center, Ipswich High School

Saturday, December 4th

Enrichment Day serves as our Dress Rehearsal (casual attire is expected, however.) **ALL students are expected to stay for the entire scheduled time. Exceptions must be submitted in writing and approved by either Marc Keroack or Gerry Dolan.**

1:00 – 3:00 – Prelude and Overture Strings

1:00 – 3:30 – Intermezzo

1:00 – 4:30 – Symphony Orchestra

1:00 – 2:15 – Strings only; 2:15 – 4:30 – All members of S. O.

AFTERNOON OF CONCERTS
Ipswich High School Performing Arts Center, Ipswich High School
Sunday, December 5, 2010

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. concert will include Prelude and Overture String Ensembles, Intermezzo Orchestra, Jr. Flute Choir and Flute Choir. **Call time** for this concert is 2:00 p.m. (NO later!)

5:00 – 6:45 p.m. concert will include Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Select Flute Choir. **Call time** for this concert is 4:15 p.m.

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. This usually means arriving at least 10 minutes before that time.

DIRECTIONS to Ipswich High School - Enrichment Day and December 5th Concert

From points South: Take 1A north. It will join with Rte. 133. Go through center of Ipswich and stay on 133 & 1A. (together at this point). About 1 mile out of town - going toward Rowley - on the left watch for the High School. You will see Children's Orchard and the White Cap Restaurant on the right - just across the street. Come in the main entrance of the High School and turn left to the music room.

From Beverly and points south or from Route 128 N, take 1A north. It will join with 133. Go through center of Ipswich – about one mile out of town, going toward Rowley, watch for the school, a large brick building complex, on your left. OR coming from Topsfield, take Route 1 North to 133 and take Route 133 East through Rowley to where it joins Route 1A. Stay on 1A/133 toward Ipswich – the school is about one mile past the Clam Box Restaurant. Use the parking lot that is nearest to the street, and enter the school through the entrance at the top of the stairs. Facing the school, this entrance will be on your far right.

You could also go north on Rte 1 to Line Brook Road. Take a right. You will pass Doyon School on your right. Go past Doyon and watch for Mile Lane on the left. Take a left, travel 1 mile to Route 133 and take a right. After about 1 mile, you will see the school on your right.

Concert Dress Requirements

Prelude and Overture Strings, and Intermezzo Orchestra:

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 and Wind Ensemble:

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

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

December 5th Ticket Prices

Ticket prices for the December 5th concerts are as follows:

\$10 general admission

\$5 students/seniors

Children under 12 free

For immediate family members of NYSO students, we're offering a group ticket price of \$20.

Flowers for December 5th concerts

We will be providing roses for parents to purchase on concert day as a gift for their students. The roses will have a card and will be tied with a ribbon.
Prices: 1 rose - \$3.00 --- 2 roses - \$5.00 --- 3 roses - \$7.00

December 5th Concert Reception

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

Food Pantry Donations

We will once again be collecting donations for the **Acord Food Pantry** at our December 5th concert. Here are some items that are in top demand:

Jelly & Jam (all flavors) -- Coffee, tea, & cocoa mix -- 100% juice in cans, bottles or juice boxes
Healthy school snacks for kids (granola bars, raisins, etc.) -- Baby food & formula -- Diapers
Essential personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, etc.)
Cereal (all kinds) -- Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard & salad dressing
Rice (all kinds) -- Meals in a can: chili, beef stew, Chef Boy R Dee -- Baked beans
Chunky, hearty soups -- Baking mixes

*** Please check the expiration date on the can/box of food before making a donation. They cannot distribute expired food and there is a big expense in disposing of trash in Hamilton - Thank you!**

Concert CDs

Our December concerts will be recorded and you can order your CD at the desk. CDs will cost \$13.00 for each concert. If you wish your CD(s) to be mailed, an extra \$3.00 will be charged.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ANNUAL FUND

Our 2010-2011 Annual Fund Campaign is in full swing. 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 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. If you know others who appreciate what NYSO offers to youths and the community, please share the letter with them and ask them to consider making a contribution. **Thank you to those who have already donated!**

HOLIDAY ENSEMBLES

North Shore Bank is looking for some small ensembles to play holiday music in their branches in December. Students will receive a small payment for doing this and it is always fun!! Interested students should speak with Marshunda Smith, String Director.

ENSEMBLES

PRELUDE/OVERTURE

All Prelude and Overture members who do not yet have a NYSO t-shirt will need to order one, as they will be wearing them for their spring outreach concert. Please place your order at the rehearsal desk. T-shirts are \$15 each; **if this is a financial hardship for anyone, please speak with Marc Keroack.**

INTERMEZZO

Intermezzo Chamber Ensemble - Please see Symphony Orchestra's box below for important information about the start of the Chamber Music program.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Chamber Ensembles

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

The Symphony Orchestra chamber music project will begin rehearsals this coming Monday, Dec. 6th. Please note that 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 this coming**

Monday, Dec. 6th, we ask that all winds and strings arrive at 5:00 to receive their music and go over the chamber program.

For all chamber music rehearsals, the Intermezzo string quartet will rehearse in the Intermezzo room from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **This coming Monday, Dec. 6th, you will go to the Symphony Orchestra room at 5:45 to get your music, and then will rehearse until 7:00 pm.**

**** December 13th: This rehearsal is for chamber ensembles ONLY.** No other groups will be meeting. We ask all strings and winds to arrive at 5:35 to be ready to rehearse from 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. We will be rehearsing only as chamber ensembles, not as a full orchestra.

CONCERT CORNER

Special Jazz Flute Concert Event – 7:00 PM, Thursday, December 9th MASCO Regional H.S.-Chorus Room

The Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce that internationally acclaimed Israeli jazz flutist, Mattan Klein, will be performing his new jazz flute quartet repertoire live in concert with NYSO's Select Flute Choir. Klein and the students will be joined by bassist, Gustavo Amarante, who will be traveling from New York for this event. Klein and Amarante will also play some selections alone – a great opportunity to hear the improvisational genius of both musicians!

Flutist, Mattan Klein, is known as an innovative performer of jazz and world music. He has performed in concert halls all over the world, including Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Tel Aviv International Jazz Festival, the Muskoka Music Festival in Canada, and on stages in Brazil, Vietnam, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and throughout Europe and the US. He is one of today's hottest Jazz/World Music flutists, with a clear flute sound and flying fingers. His musical explorations are a treat for any jazz enthusiast!

The concert will take place on Thursday, December 9th, at 7:00pm in the Chorus Room at Masconomet Regional High School. The event is being sponsored by the Consul General of Israel to New England; Music Makers, of Hampton, NH; and Northeast Winds of Lynnfield, MA. The Deputy Consul General of Israel to New England will be in attendance and will introduce the concert. A representative from Northeast Winds will also be at the concert with flutes and piccolos for students to try.

This event is free and open to the public. Donations to support NYSO's music education programs will be gratefully accepted.

For more information on flutist Mattan Klein, please visit his website at www.mattanklein.com.

For more information on bassist Gustavo Amarante, please visit his website at www.gustavoamarante.com.

REPEAT INFORMATION

THE NYSO WEBSITE IS "LIVE"!

NYSO's newly re-created website is now "live". Please drop by www.nysorchestra.org to look at the site and give us your feedback. Many thanks to Mr. Arun Koul for his efforts to make this happen!

NYSO "BLOG" AND FACEBOOK PAGE

The new NYSO blog is up and running, thanks to Jennifer McCullough, NYSO parent! Check it out at <http://nysorchestra.wordpress.com/>. If you are interested in contributing to the blog, email nysoinc@gmail.com with your posts for credit and publication. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or polished; just share your thoughts, feelings, and ideas about NYSO. If you need some ideas for topics, here are a few good example blogs:

Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra Blog <http://www.laco.org/blog/>

Cleveland Orchestra Blog <http://www.clevelandorchestrablog.com/>

We hope the blog will promote more connections between NYSO families and create a greater sense of community!

Another way you can stay up to date on the latest NYSO happenings and connect with other families and students is through the NYSO Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northshore-Youth-Symphony-Orchestra/316301847164>. Visit frequently for updates and to join the conversation about NYSO!

NYSO NEWS ARTICLES

If you see a NYSO news article in your local papers about our weekend concerts, please clip it out and send it to us or bring it to rehearsal. This helps us know what towns we are reaching. Thank you!