

Concert Newsletter

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Lilly Hall, Butler University

Rehearsal Times/Locations:

1:00 - 4:30 pm - room 112

1:00 - 3:00 pm - room 177

3:30 - 5:00 pm - room 177

You may have received some of this information in an e-mail last week. New information is highlighted in red. If you did not receive the e-mail last week, don't be concerned because all of that information has been repeated below (blue categories).

Seating Audition Information: If you're new to the organization, you may have questions about how our seating auditions will take place. During the next couple of weeks, your conductor will select sections of music (from the current repertoire) for you to prepare. These will be given to you in advance of auditions (by a week or two). Work on those sections on your own until the seating audition date.

Once at rehearsal, we will check everyone in, just as we normally do. We will begin by taking up to 6 people to a warm-up room. At the warm-up room you will find your FINAL seating excerpts. These will be excerpts from the original list, but not all of them will be used or they sections may be shortened. You will have up to 6 minutes to mark your music with the excerpts and warm-up - no more than 6 minutes! You should be prepared before you walk into that room. We will take members individually to the recording rooms. There will be a volunteer in each room who will record the auditions on video cameras. Cameras are used as a tool for monitoring form and technique. We use an anonymous process for the Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras.

If you cannot attend rehearsal on the audition date, please contact me immediately. There is a process for you to submit a recording to us, but it must be in the office no later than the Monday immediately following the recording date for your section.

Tickets for Concerts: I've had a few people ask questions about when/where tickets will be available for the November concert. Tickets will be available around the first of October, but watch our website for more information. Tickets for all of our performances are purchased directly from the venue at which we're performing (Hilbert Circle Theatre, Zionsville Performing Arts Center), not through the New World office. Typically there are options to purchase on-line, in person, and by phone. Usually there are fees associated with credit card purchases. Tickets range from \$12 to \$35 at Hilbert Circle Theatre (assigned seating) for adults (discounts given for children, students, seniors, groups) and will be \$12 for adults at Zionsville Performing Arts Center (general admission).

You do not need to purchase a ticket for any member of our orchestras. They will always have a seat provided with easy access to the stage.

Concert Orchestra performances have free admission (except for the May performance).

Finding info on the New World website: If you're not sure where to get forms or a copy of the handbook, check out this page: <http://www.nwyso.org/Information.html>

Special Request - Technology:

New World is currently working on a new design for our website. We're working diligently to put it together. However, the change in web design will require us to purchase new software in the amount of \$160 to maintain updates. Help us to make this transition smoothly with a small donation to this cause.

Along similar lines, Mrs. Kitterman's computer for work is on its last legs. We are interested in purchasing a new, basic laptop to replace hers which was generously donated to the organization. Donations would be gratefully accepted to help us to give her reliable equipment with which to communicate with all of you! We expect to be able to purchase something that is completely adequate for approximately \$400.

All donations will be recognized in our concert program and with a donation acknowledgment letter.

Text Messages:

According to my account, I have texted invitations to everyone on our text list at least twice.

Unfortunately, there seems to be some disconnect between what's showing up on my computer and what's actually happening. Therefore, I've asked our webmaster to post links to sign up to our Blast Groups. Please follow the link for only the group(s) that you need and register the cell phones on which you wish to receive text message notifications. I apologize for this process - it appeared to be so easy at my end! Remember - texts from me will be from wolff9802. **Note: If you already received the notification (about 16 people in Concert Orchestra) and accepted the invitation, you do not need to do this - you are already on the Blast Group list.**

Speak of the Week:

We have quite a few videos submitted for the current Speak of the Week on Facebook. This week's topic is "What is the most captivating YouTube video you have ever watched?" Post links with your reply. You may also submit a response to our gmail account:

Speak.Of.The.Week@gmail.com. The current contest has been a two week contest since we did not have rehearsal last Sunday. Remember that each week, the winner is posted on Facebook and in your rehearsal room - the prizes have been really great so far :) This week, we've seen a "ninja", lightsabers, Stars and Stripes as you've never heard/seen it before, and many other great choices. Check out the videos for yourself!

Parents: If you have any recent gift cards that you're not interested in using yourself, consider donating them to our weekly contest. I recently found one at home that we're not planning to use, but that might be a nice treat for members of the orchestra, so it will be used for a prize in the coming weeks.

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