

Symphony Newsletter

Sunday, November 1, 2009 - Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!!

Lilly Hall, Butler University

Rehearsal Times/Locations:

1:00 - 4:30 pm - room 112: Symphony

1:00 - 3:00 pm - room 177: Philharmonic

3:30 - 5:00 pm - room 177: Concert

Rehearsal Order:

1:00 - 1:45 pm: Capriccio Espagnol

1:45 - 2:45 pm: Organ Symphony

2:45 - 3:00 pm: break

3:00 - 3:45 pm: Organ Symphony

3:45 - 4:30 pm: Rhapsody in Blue

4:30 - 5:00 pm: Festival of Carols Music

Festival of Carols Rehearsal Notes:

Rehearsal Order: What Child is This, I Wish You Christmas, Gloria

Be prepared with this music! We have only time for a run-through on Sunday, so work on your part before arriving at rehearsal.

New Music: There are two more pieces that will be passed out at rehearsal on Sunday, but we will not be rehearsing them this week.

Percussion: Becky - you will be on timpani for What Child is This. Jordan - you will be on chimes and triangle for What Child is This

Attendance: Just a quick reminder that we're in the home stretch for the concert now. Every minute is very important - please be present and engaged in the rehearsal this week and next.

Including this week there are two regular rehearsals, then the dress rehearsal and the concert!

Keep absences to a minimum and, if an absence is necessary, we need to know about any that may happen in the coming weeks as soon as possible (illness excluded, of course!).

Music Stands: Viola section begins stand clean up this week! Plan to stay an extra few minutes to put stands away.

A reminder from Larry Shapiro for those that are applying to Butler - simply call or e-mail if you would like to set up a free sample lesson with him!

November 15 concert tickets available at www.indianapolissymphony.org - remember that orchestra participants do not need tickets. They will have seats up front reserved for them.

Tickets to Festival of Carols: Tickets to the Festival of Carols may be purchased on-line here: <http://www.indychoir.org/concerts/tickets.html>. Ticket order forms will also be available at rehearsals shortly. The Festival of Carols is our collaborative event with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir that takes place on December 5 and 6.

Member Pick-Up Update: Next week I will report on my meeting with Butler Police about our member pick-up process. You received notification about the situation last week via e-mail.

Thanks to a great idea from Lily Li who is interested in making the best of the situation and **implementing a carpool!** Here are the ways in which you can help:

1. Do you live in the west Carmel area? Are you interested in participating in carpool? Bring a signed parent note with you to rehearsal this week to indicating your interest in participating. Thanks to Lily Li for tackling this!
2. Are you interested in setting up or participating in a carpool from your area? If so, bring a parent note along with the general area (a recognizable geographic area) that you need transportation to and from as well as your orchestra and instrument.

Deadline Approaching! Young Artist Competition: November 15 Application Deadline

For more information, cut and paste into your browser: <http://www.nwyso.org/YAC.html>

Volunteers for the Concert on Sunday, November 15 -

I'm seeking volunteers to assist with certain aspects of the day:

Backstage Help: We always need two or three parents to be backstage, separate from check-in, to help with directing members around the backstage area, and to help out as needed with anything that may come up. Time: 3:45 - 4:55 pm

Set-Up and Tear Down: This involves getting the Concert Orchestra room set-up for rehearsal (time: 2:30 - 3:00 pm), moving merchandise and program books to the lobby (3:00 - 3:30 pm), and removing all of the same materials to the backstage area following the concert. 2 people would be best for this task.

Video "Confessionals": We're planning to have opportunities for audience members to share their reactions to the concert immediately following the performance. We're looking for teams of two, armed with a video camera to help with this.

Audience Surveys: We've always taken a laid back approach to our audience surveys. This year, we want to be more proactive, so I'm seeking 8 volunteers to be at the exits to the hall. This is a particularly good way for siblings to be involved!

Note: Call times for the Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestras (at this point) are 4:15 pm.

Please keep an eye out for adjustments to this schedule. Concert Orchestra is scheduled to rehearse in the Wood Room from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Yuletide Celebration - No dates available yet but other information is provided below

This is a holiday event that is fun for the whole family! Each year, New World provides volunteers (18) at seven of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Yuletide Celebration in exchange for one free venue rental (just the venue, other fees apply!) at Hilbert Circle Theatre during the season.

The Yuletide Celebration takes place from December 4 to December 23 at Hilbert Circle Theatre. Later in November I will be given seven dates for us to volunteer - so what does that involve?

Our **volunteers work tables** that serve cookies, wassail, and milk. Everything is provided for us.

We arrive early to stuff cookies into individual bags and get the tables set up. We sell these treats before the concert begins and during intermission. We also do some clean-up at the end of intermission and count the money at each station. Volunteers are allowed to go into the theatre to watch the performance if there are seats available. It's a great way to celebrate the holidays with family and to give back to an organization that supports us throughout the year.

I do not have our exact dates, times, and instructions yet. Please just keep this in mind when you're planning your holidays!

In addition to the regular volunteers mentioned above, each performance also requires an experienced "**crew chief**" to make table assignments, make sure that money is handed out/collected, ensure that tables always have change and cookies, and make sure clean-up is done on all floors. Those who have worked this event in past years are certainly eligible.

Note about ages: Typically, the ISO requests that all volunteers are at least 12 years old.

However, we have an excellent reputation for our work at this event and with parent supervision there have been exceptions made to the age requirement. Remember, though, that the pace is fast at times and a volunteer's attention should be focused on the table and sales, so please be mindful of this when volunteering. Only those 14 and older may handle money.

Speak of the Week - My apologies for neglecting this recently. There are a couple of ways to participate in activities on Facebook or through our gmail account:
Speak.of.the.Week@gmail.com.

Regular Speak of the Week - yummy cookies for the winner!
It's like the board game Balderdash. Make up your own definition to the word posted below WITHOUT looking up the real answer on the internet (or anywhere else!). The answer that is most creative, yet realistic, wins! Post before rehearsal on Sunday.

Are you unusual? Tell us what makes you unique and/or unusual. If everyone in your orchestra tells us one thing about themselves, then your orchestra could win candy. Lots and LOTS of candy. The deadline is November 10 - responses may be included in a pre-concert slideshow on November 15. We just want our audience to get to know you all a bit more. Do you have a part-time job? Do you have an interesting hobby or talent? Do you have an unusual story about how you began playing your instrument? Thanks to Emily Walters for getting us started!

Sponsorship Update: We have surpassed the sponsorship dollar amount for the season!! Congratulations! We hope to continue the program throughout the season, however, to increase participation - only 37% of members participated in the program this year. Invite a potential sponsor to the concert on November 15!

Community Events/Activities:

New!! Buy One Get One Free - ISO Student Tickets
Time for Three performances on November 6 and 7.
2 tickets for \$10.
Sound Off session takes place at 6:30 pm, concert begins at 7:30 pm.
Attendees are encouraged to text message their questions and have them answered live on stage.
Musicians will also be in the lobby after the concert at *Reverb*.
They will perform a concerto written just for them and you will also hear Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony.
Contact the ISO box office for details.

New!! Violin Masterclass with Zach De Pue
Saturday, December 12, 2009
12:00 - 2:00 pm
At the Propylaeum: 1410 North Delaware Street
Presented by the Indianapolis Academy of Music
Open to the public. Children 18 and under are free.
Adults \$10 suggested donation (all proceeds go to the IAM scholarship fund)

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition
Application due: November 7
High school students (grades 9-12) are eligible for the High School Division
Open to performers in strings, woodwinds, brass, piano, organ, voice, and percussion
More information: contact Ruth Wolff for copies of the brochure

Carmel Symphony Orchestra - Young Artist Competition

Entry Deadline: November 9, 2009

\$1000 cash award

Perform with the CSO on February 14, 2010 (note: the concert time does not conflict with New World's concert time).

Call 317-844-9717 for information.

Sphinx Competition for young Black and Latino string players

Prizes include up to \$5000 cash, solo appearances with the Sphinx Symphony Orchestra, and national radio debut on From the Top.

Entry Deadline: November 11, 2009

Information is available at www.sphinxmusic.org

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra:

There is a discount program for students called MaestroCard. For only \$30, students of all ages can attend four concerts from the Lilly Classical Series, Printing Partners Pops Series or Coffee Classical Series. The student presents the MaestroCard at the Box Office up to one hour before the concert to redeem (subject to availability). Check out www.indianapolissymphony.org/MaestroCard for more information.

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