

Philharmonic Newsletter
Sunday, December 6, 2009

Lilly Hall, Butler University

Rehearsal Times/Locations:

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

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

New World Youth Symphony performs at Southport Presbyterian Church at 3:00 pm on December 6 with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir (information will be forwarded shortly - please send to family and friends).

Rehearsal Info:

New music will be available at rehearsal and will also be e-mailed late this week.

I (Ruth) will not be attending rehearsal this Sunday as I will be at the Symphony performance mentioned above. However, everything that's needed will be available and ready for you at Butler.

I am seeking check-in volunteers for the Philharmonic Orchestra. Two volunteers are generally best and may help with seating auditions, mailings, and any other tasks that are available each week. I prefer to have volunteers who are available to help most weeks through the next performance (February 14). Volunteers should arrive at 12:15 or 12:30 to be ready to do check-in before most members arrive.

Important Information for All Members: Room Set-Up: Members should help get the room set-up upon arrival. **Do not sit down in a chair until the room is completely set-up.** The room is simply too small for people to settle in before the room is ready. Set-up charts will be available at check-in each week. Chairs may be waiting outside of room 112 (or if not, then simply take chairs from room 112 as needed) to be taken to room 177 each week. Once there, please begin set-up according to the chart provided. Members are expected to help with set-up each week.

New! If unfamiliar with the set-up chart, it simply uses an x for each chair that's needed. If helpful, set the chart on the podium and one person may direct members in each section to set the chairs appropriately. Every effort should be made to put the chairs in approximately the same place every week. Principals and Associate Principals (from the first concert) in each section can play a leadership role in getting your section set-up each week. Make note of how many people are in your section and where the chairs should go in relation to the other sections nearby. If there are not enough chairs, then take extras from room 112.

New! Calendar

December 13 - Rehearsal on December 13 will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This change is unavoidable due to a conflict with the IYWE Artsgarden concert at 12:30 pm that day. Please remember that this is our last rehearsal before break and so it's very important that you try to be there.

A spring calendar will be handed out as soon as all dates and events have been accounted for. Please watch for the update to appear on the website and to receive it at an upcoming rehearsal.

Note that at this time it is likely that our rehearsal on January 3 will be at Ben Davis High School at the usual time. Butler University is closed through that weekend and Amy Noble at Ben Davis has most graciously agreed to assist us with a venue for that rehearsal.

Yuletide Celebration

Dates:

Saturday, December 12 (2:00 pm): at least 7 more volunteers and a crew chief

Saturday, December 12 (8:00 pm): at least 15 more volunteers and a crew chief

Wednesday, December 16 (7:30 pm): at least 15 more volunteers and a crew chief

Friday, December 18 (8:00 pm): at least 2 more volunteers

Saturday, December 19 (8:00 pm): at least 13 more volunteers and a crew chief

Sunday, December 20 (6:00 pm): at least 9 more volunteers and a crew chief

Monday, December 21 (7:30 pm): at least 11 more volunteers

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. What does this 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 - family and friends are welcome! Bring a group and make it a family tradition!

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.

Community Events/Activities:

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)

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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