

Symphony Newsletter

Weekend of Sunday, December 6, 2009

Symphony Orchestra locations:

Saturday, December 5: Holy Spirit of Geist

Sunday, December 6: Southport Presbyterian Church

Philharmonic and Concert Orchestras:

Lilly Hall, Butler University

Rehearsal Times/Locations:

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

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

Bring Festival of Carols music and Capriccio Espagnol this weekend!

Complete schedule:

Saturday, December 5: Holy Spirit Parish, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers (map: [Holy Spirit Parish](#))

--- Home rooms for New World are classrooms 12, 13, 15, and 16 - this room will be locked during rehearsals and performances.

12:00 pm Set-up

12:30 pm Rehearsal call time

12:45 pm Rehearsal in sanctuary - orchestra repertoire only

1:45 pm Rehearsal in sanctuary - orchestra and ISC

2:45 pm Rehearsal in sanctuary - orchestra, NCHS choir, and ISC

3:15 pm Orchestra is dismissed

--- Members are fully dismissed at this time due to the large break. However, I will remain at the church with any other members who do not have time to go home during this break. Parents are encouraged and welcome to stay as well. I will be bringing music to sort and other projects to keep busy during that time and assistance would be much appreciated. We will coordinate rides and food pick-ups for those who remain at the church during this break, so bring money for food if you plan to stay - or bring a sack lunch to eat.

7:00 pm Concert call time, adjourn to home rooms (see above)

7:45 pm Call to the stage

8:00 pm Concert begins

9:30 pm Approximate time concert concludes

Sunday, December 6: Southport Presbyterian Church, 1427 Southview Drive, Indianapolis (map:

[Southport Presbyterian Church](#))

12:00 pm Set-up

1:45 pm Orchestra and choir soundcheck

2:15 pm Orchestra only soundcheck

2:45 pm Call to the stage

3:00 pm Concert begins

4:30 pm Approximate time concert concludes

Music Stands: If you have a nice black music stand at home, please bring it with you this weekend to both performances!! Be sure to label it with your name before bringing it.

Additionally, **I am seeking a few volunteers** with large vehicles to help transport New World's music stands this weekend. I can be available to load/unload at your convenience, but all of the music stands are currently stored at the office downtown (32 E Washington Street). Please e-mail me as soon as possible if you might be available to help with this.

Information about tickets to the Festival of Carols will be sent via e-mail in a few moments. Please share with friends and family!

New! Calendar

No Symphony rehearsal on Sunday, December 13! A holiday gift from us to you! You've worked

so hard - thank you for all of the time that you're giving to New World and to the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir this weekend. Enjoy your week off next week and we'll see you on January 3 (see below)!

If you'll miss being with us on December 13, join us at the Artsgarden at 7:00 pm to see the Concert Orchestra perform holiday favorites! A great (free) concert for families to enjoy the season.

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.

January 3 - There will be a Symphony member meeting for approximately 10 to 15 minutes immediately following rehearsal. We will discuss changes to our overall attendance policy. We are not changing the number of rehearsals that may be missed, but will be working to create a better process for reporting absences. Far too many absences have been reported at the last minute - many to critical rehearsals and even performance. At this meeting we will hand out the policy along with forms for reporting absences, discuss it, and take questions. We will dismiss as soon as possible, but please do not expect to leave at 4:30 that day. This is an important conversation that may well affect seating and orchestra placement in the future.

Updated - Yuletide Celebration - Volunteers Needed!

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.

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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