

MYS Weekly Update, August 24, 2011



Welcome to the 40th Anniversary Season of MYS!

This is the August 24 issue of your Weekly Update. The MYS Weekly Update is a weekly communication that goes out to all MYS families. It includes important information pertaining to MYS rehearsals, concerts and other upcoming events. It is important that you review the Weekly Update information each week, as it is our primary means of communication. Do not hesitate to contact the MYS office if you have any questions.

First Rehearsal: Saturday, September 10!

Orchestra Rehearsal times are as follows:

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| String Orchestra | 8:45am -11:00am |
| Philharmonic Orchestra | 10:30am - 1:00pm |
| Repertory Orchestra | 10:00am -1:00pm |
| Symphony Orchestra | 8:45am - 11:45am |

Students are asked to check-in 30 minutes prior to their rehearsal start time for the first week of rehearsal. After that, students should check-in 15 minutes before their start time.

Remember: "On time" means being warmed up, tuned, and in your seat at the rehearsal times listed above.

All orchestras rehearse at Highland Park Jr. High School. 975 Snelling Ave S, St. Paul, MN 5116.

MYS Attendance Policy

Students are allowed a maximum of two absences per concert cycle (trimester). Students with more than two absences per trimester will not be allowed to play in the remaining rehearsals or perform in the concert for that trimester.

There are no excused or unexcused absences. The reason for the absence is not the issue; it is the absence itself. ***There are no exceptions.***

Retreat Attendance Policy

It is expected that all MYS students participate in the retreat. If you have a conflict with the retreat, you must contact the MYS office immediately. Please note that missing any portion of a retreat day is counted as one full absence for the trimester. ***Missing both days of the retreat counts as two full absences.***

Forms & Fees Due Friday, August 26

Tuition balances, retreat forms/fees and the Orchestra Member Agreement & Release form (OMAR) are due this Friday. Tuition invoices were sent out the first week of August. If you have any questions or did not receive an invoice please email Rachel Bittner, rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org, or call the MYS office. Go to the MYS website to pay fees online or you may mail a check to the MYS Office.

Announcing the 2011-12

MYS 40th Anniversary Concert Season!

Tickets for ALL THREE MYS concerts go on sale this Friday, August 26.

Tickets for the season are sold through the Orchestra Hall Box Office. They may be ordered online at www.minnesotaorchestra.org/boxoffice, by calling 612-371-5656, or in person at the Orchestra Hall Box Office, located at 1111 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55435.

Note: There are no services charges for in person transactions at the Orchestra Hall Box Office. There is a \$4.75 service charge per transaction for all online, phone, fax or mail orders. Orchestra Hall adds a \$2.25 facility fee to each ticket.

Announcing The 40th Anniversary Season Special Guest Artists!

The 40th Anniversary Season will be an exciting year for all MYS Orchestras and will feature acclaimed guest artists, **Doc Severinsen** (trumpet) and **Nachito Herrera** (piano) and performing with the MYS Symphony Orchestra.

For the best seats, buy your tickets early and start spreading the word to family and friends!

Fall Concert Featuring Nachito Herrera

Sunday, November 13, 2011
6:30pm, Orchestra Hall

Winter Concert Featuring the Symphony Solo Competition Winner

Sunday, February 12, 2012
6:30pm, Orchestra Hall

Spring Concert Featuring Doc Severinsen

Sunday, April 22, 2012
2:00pm, Orchestra Hall

MYS Volunteers Needed!

Volunteering is an excellent way to stay involved in your children's activities, make new friends and contribute to a wonderful organization! Every year MYS depends on hundreds of volunteers to help make our program run smoothly.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Minnesota Youth Symphonies with duties that include: attendance monitor, assisting at rehearsals, chaperoning retreats, assisting librarians, mailings and other fun tasks, contact **Volunteer Coordinator Maria Melichar** at mlhmelichar@aol.com.

To download an MYS Volunteer brochure and application at the MYS website.

Still In Need of Violas, Basses, Percussion, Oh My!

MYS is still in need of violas, basses, and percussion players at all orchestra levels. If you know someone who would like to audition, please have them call the MYS office or email Operations Manager, Rachel Bittner, rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org, to schedule an audition.

Search for MYS Board Members

We are seeking candidates for the MYS Board of Directors. Board members serve a three-year term and they meet the second Tuesday of every month. If you are interested, go to <http://www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/who/board> to see the board job description and application.

Please contact Vicki Krueger at vlkrueger@mnyouthsymphonies.org or call the MYS office.