

MYS Weekly Update, August 31, 2011



MYS 40th Anniversary Season

This is the August 31 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:

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

For the first rehearsal, students are asked to check-in 30 minutes prior to their rehearsal start time. 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.

Symphony Retreat

They're off to a running start! Members of the Symphony Orchestra will be packing their bags and heading to YMCA Camp Pepin on September 17-18 for a weekend-long retreat. Information about retreat was included in your acceptance packet and can also be found online at www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/retreats.

Retreat Date Reminder

Repertory Retreat: October 1, 2
Philharmonic Retreat: October 15, 16
String Day Retreat: October 29

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

First trimester tuition, retreat forms/fees, and the Orchestra Member Agreement & Release form (OMAR) were due last Friday. You can pay your remaining balance online. Forms can be mailed to the MYS office. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Bittner at rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org

Announcing The MYS 40th Anniversary Season

The 40th Anniversary Season was announced in an official press release last Friday. We are excited to announce special guest artists, **Doc Severinsen** (trumpet) and **Nachito Herrera** (piano) performing with the MYS Symphony Orchestra during our 40th Anniversary Season. To read the full press release, please go to www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/news

Tickets for ALL THREE MYS concerts are on sale now! Don't miss the opportunity to snag your favorite seats and order your tickets online (www.minnesotaorchestra.org), over the phone (612-371-5656), or in person at the Orchestra Hall Box Office (1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis 55403).

Sale Away! Annual Student Fundraiser

The MYS 2011-12 student fundraiser will have its official kick-off at the first rehearsal of the season on September 10, but it's never too early to start planning ahead!

We have added a **NEW** option to the fundraiser this year! In the past we have relied solely on Wreath Sales, however this year we will be working with **Premier Fundraising**, which will provide re-usable coupon cards designed specifically for MYS families and patrons to sell in addition to, or in place of, wreaths.

Students will receive complete fundraising information in their music folders on September 10.

For a sneak peak of fundraising materials, go online to www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/members/wreath

MYS Is Still In Need of Violas and Basses and Percussion, Oh My!

If you know someone who would like to audition, please have them call the MYS office or email Rachel Bittner, rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org to set up an audition.

Tune In!

MYS Co-Artistic Director and Symphony conductor **Manny Laureano** will be featured tomorrow on MPR's *Performance Today* in an interview with Fred Child. Tune in to Classical 99.5, Thursday September 1, at 1:30pm to listen to the interview!

Student Opportunities:**Master Class with Minnesota Orchestra Violinist Roger Frisch**

Northwestern College will be hosting a violin master class on October 22 at 2pm. To apply and learn more about the class go to www.nwc.edu/web/music/october.

From The Top

From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation are awarding up to \$10,000 in scholarship to exceptional pre-college musicians to support music studies. This year's scholarship deadlines are October 1, December 1, and February 1. Complete info at www.fromthetop.org/content/scholarship

Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition

This competition is open to high school junior and seniors. The application deadline is October 26. The winner will be awarded \$500 and a performance with the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra. Complete info at musicassociation.org

Search For MYS Board Members

MYS is currently seeking candidates for its board of directors. If interested please email executive director Vicki Krueger at vlkrueger@mnyouthsymphonies.org. Job description and application online at www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/who/board