



Manny and Claudette Laureano
ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Quarter Notes

December 2009

Season opens with concert at Orchestra Hall

The 2009-10 MYS season is off to a running start! Congratulations to all of the MYS students and conductors for a great performance at Orchestra Hall on November 15, 2009. All four orchestras were featured in the first concert of the season, each one impressively displaying their skill and enthusiasm for music and MYS. It was clearly evident that every student in each orchestra had put in a great deal of time, effort, and practice in order to perform to the best of their ability. The hard work and effort of both students and conductors resulted in an exciting performance showcasing each orchestra's high level of artistic quality. Bravo!

It was a particularly exciting concert, as guest artist Charles Lazarus, trumpeter of the Minnesota Orchestra, was the featured soloist with the Symphony Orchestra. He and his jazz ensemble were a departure from some of the more traditional orchestral repertoire that is typically performed, and gave Symphony students a challenging, fun, and memorable collaborative experience.

To cap off the evening there was a surprise encore duet between trumpeters Manny Laureano and Charles Lazarus. The duet drew attention to their impressive technical skills and artistry, and reminded us all how much fun music can be.

The repertoire for the Fall concert was as follows:
Strings: Handel/Twelve Sinfonias
Vaughan Williams/Fantasia on Greensleeves

Philharmonic: Dvorak, arr. Leidig/Symphony No. 8 in G major, Op. 8, Finale, Gershwin, arr. Sayre/Selections from Porgy and Bess,

Rimsky-Korsakov/Dance of the Tumblers from "The Snow Maiden"

Repertory: Dvorak/Slavonic Dance Opus 46 No. 2, Wagner/Rienzi Overture

Symphony: Prokofiev/Suite No. 1 from Romeo and Juliet, Lazarus, arr. Hara/Kilauea's Fountains, Evans/La Teresi

Thank you For Giving!

Thank you to those who joined together on November 17 to support MYS through the special "give to the max day". You were among the 38,778 donors who raised over \$14 million for 3,434 Minnesota nonprofits. Minnesota broke the record for the most donations made in one day. The previous record was held by Dallas at \$4 million in one day. MYS took in \$32,156 dollars that day from 199 donors, making the average gift about \$162. The only downside was the \$500,000 match from the Bush match yielded only about 4¢ on the dollar among the 3,434 nonprofits. It was still a spectacular show of support and shows how readily people responded to the call to give.



Thanks again to your generosity and your support of students and programs.

Upcoming Events

No rehearsal December 26 and January 2. Rehearsals resume on January 9, 2010.

MYS Winter Concert
Sunday, February 7, 2010, 2:00pm
Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis
Featuring: Pipestone Drums performing "One Nation" with the Philharmonic Orchestra; and Natalie Alper-Leroux, 2009-10 Symphony Solo Competition winner

MYS Annual Gala-Bella Notte
Saturday, March 6, 2010
St. Paul Hotel

MYS Spring Concert
Sunday, April 25, 2010, 3:00pm
Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis
Featuring the Minnesota Chorale and Singers in Accord performing with the Symphony Orchestra on Symphony No. 2 by Maler

Claudette, Manny, Jim, Pat and the entire MYS staff wish you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!



The Repertory Orchestra on stage at Orchestra Hall, October 2009

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Student News

Congratulations to MYS students selected to participate in the 2009-2010 MMEA All-State ensembles. MYS had students represented in the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Orchestra. The various All-State ensembles met for a week-long camp last summer, where they rehearsed and then gave a performance. The All-State students perform during the Mid-Winter Clinic at Orchestra Hall the weekend of February 12, 2010.

The following MYS students are members of All-State for the 2009-2010 season:

Kimberly Baker/Sym/Oboe
Julie Brooksbank/Symp/Oboe
Rachel Bauske/Phil/Flute
Carmen Boerboom/Sym/Trombone
Chia-Hua Hsu/Phil/Bb Clarinet
Nicholas Meryhew/Rep/Euphonium
Nicole Tempas/Sym/Trombone
Charlie Birge/Sym/Trombone
Kevein Jones/Rep/Bassoon
Joyce Liu/Sym/Violin
Alicia McCann/Sym/Cello
Kelsea McDermott/Rep/Flute
Lindsay Nevalainen/Sym/Bassoon
Michael Obert/Rep/Cello
Mattheew Pfeifer/Sym/Clarinet
Tori Rogers/Sym/Cello
Jenny Seong/Sym/Violin
Jason Yoon//Rep/Bb Clarinet
Derek Bruns/Sym/Trumpet
Samanth Ferbuyt/Sym/Trumpet
Ellen Georges/Sym/French Horn
Jenni Harms/Sym/Flute
Shelby Hostager/Phil/Bb Clarinet
Alexander Huffman/Sym/Trumpet
Carley Olson/Sym/Bb Clarinet
Kelsey Schnabel/Rep/French Horn
Emily Strachan/Sym/Percussion

Brandon Duffy/Rep/violin, won 1st place in the 2009 MNSOTA Mary West Solo Competition, elementary division.

Do you have news to share or something to sell? Email your info to mys@mnyouthsymphonies.org

All photos in this newsletter were taken by Dawn Anderson.

MYS Advertiser

FOR SALE **Alto saxophone**, Yamaha YAS-23, six years old, \$600 or best offer. Tenor saxophone, Yamaha YTS-23, good condition, \$600 or best offer. Call Kristen or Kyle at 651-351-0057.

FOR SALE **3/4 cello**, good condition, comes with hard case and bow, \$700. Contact Deanna at, jdekholm@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE **3/4 Johannes Kohr bass** with soft sided case for \$1,200. Set up and action is great. Call Cheryl Eliason at 651-815-5009 or email at evan.eliason@gmail.com

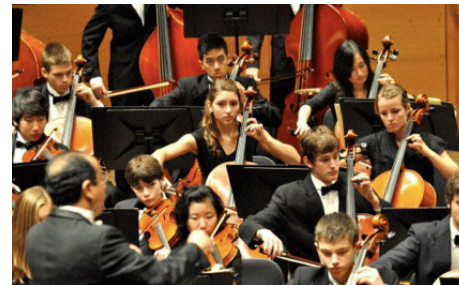
Please notify the MYS office when the item you have posted is sold.

Mary West Memorial String Scholarship

MYS is introducing the Mary West Memorial String Scholarship. Funds for this scholarship are provided by donations made to the Mary West Memorial Fund. The funds are administered and distributed through MYS by a Selection Committee. The scholarship award may be used for private violin, viola, cello or bass instruction, music camps, or other pursuits that will give the student a continuing education in music. Applications must be submitted by January 5, 2010. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded at the final concert of the MYS season. Please visit our website to download an application form or stop by the admin desk at rehearsals.



Pat Kelly conducting the String Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, October 2009.



2010-11 Audition Alert

Auditions for next season will be held in June 2010. Scheduling requires that we hold auditions early this year. The timing may be difficult for those who will have finals during audition week. However, we are giving you plenty of time to prepare. The audition excerpts and requirements will be available on our website by January 15th and audition registration will be open beginning on February 1, 2010. We appreciate your cooperation.

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Tuesday, June 8, 3:30-8:30pm
viola, cello, bass, flute

Wednesday, June 9, 3:30-8:30pm
viola, cello, bass, clarinet, bassoon

Thursday June 10, 3:30-8:30pm
violin, oboe, horn

Friday, June 11, 3:30-8:30pm
violin, piano, percussion, harp

Saturday, June 12, 3:30-8:30pm
violin, trumpet, trombone, tuba

Michael Hiatt named to the MMEA Hall of Fame

MYS Honorary Advisory Council Member, Michael Hiatt, was placed in the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) Hall of Fame for significant career contributions to music education in Minnesota. Michael is currently the Director of Professional Development & Research at the Perpich Center for Arts Education. Congratulations to Michael on this well-deserved award.

New Staff at MYS

Rachel Bittner, Operations

Manager: Rachel joined the MYS staff in June 2009, after recently moving back to St. Paul from Madison, Wisconsin. As a musician, piano teacher and MYS alum, Rachel holds a great appreciation for music education and is happy to be a part of such a valuable youth organization. She earned degrees in music from Lawrence University and University of Wisconsin-Madison. During the past ten years she has been very active as an accompanist, church musician and piano teacher in the Madison, WI and Twin Cities areas, and currently is on the faculty at St. Joseph's School of Music in St. Paul. Rachel played oboe in MYS from 1994-1996.

Emily Cain, Admin Assistant/ Marketing and Communications

Coordinator: An MYS alum, Emily played viola in the program from 1997-2004. Since then, she has graduated from the University of Minnesota, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Cultural Studies with minors in American Studies and Studies in Cinema and Media Culture. While an undergrad, Emily gained experience working for various arts organizations around the Twin Cities, including the Minnesota Orchestra, MYS, and GTCYS. Emily's enthusiasm for MYS began the moment she sat down for her first rehearsal in the String Orchestra and continues to this day.

Juliet Johnson, Head Librarian:

Juliet, our most recent addition, has been an involved MYS parent for several years and a volunteer librarian for the Philharmonic Orchestra. She brings a diverse range of skills to her position from work as a substructure research specialist in the petrochemical engineering field to volunteer work with animals at the Los Angeles Zoo and in shelters to teaching and volunteering at the Minnesota Waldorf School and managing a middle school sports league. She played the piano as a child and loves listening to the students rehearse and perform beautiful music.

Music & Melody Makers

Mark your calendars for a fun and FREE MYS event. MYS will be hosting its first of two Music and Melody Makers events on Saturday, **January 23, 2010 from 9:00am-10:30am**. Music and Melody Makers gives children from the ages of 3-14 an introduction to the instruments of the orchestra. Students have hands-on experience with instruments and are able to try playing many different instruments, including strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. As part of the event students will also watch a demonstration and performance by the Repertory Orchestra. **Please visit our website for more details and to register for the event.**



Prizes Awarded for Wreath Sales Campaign

A big thank you to all of the students who participated in the wreath sales campaign this year and those who purchased items and gave donations. We grossed over \$41,000 in sales. Philharmonic was the top selling orchestra with over \$12,000 in sales and 66% of the orchestra participating.

Top Overall Sales: John Dierberger, Symphony Orchestra \$1,820.00 (won Acer Netbook); 2nd Top Overall Sales: Abbie Clapp, String Orchestra \$1,044 (won \$100 Gift Certificate/Best Buy); 3rd Top Overall Sales: Noah Maddio, Philharmonic Orchestra \$1,032 (won \$50 Gift Certificate/Best Buy).

Note: the top overall sellers are not eligible for being the top seller in their orchestra. The \$25 cash award to top sellers in the orchestras went to: Strings: Lydia Grimes (\$930 in sales) Philharmonic: William Decourt (\$737 in sales); Repertory: Obiele Harper (\$594 in sales); Symphony: Omar Macias (\$767 in sales)

All students earned 1 point for every item

they sold or every \$25 donation that was made. Example, if you sold 12 wreaths and than 40 sweepstakes prizes. Those prizes were awarded to: String Orchestra: Delon Smith, Julia Schmidt, Julie Florey, Chandler Hong, Elias Knapstein, Gemma Kumaraea, Sofia Fitzcollins, Nick Mathisen, Cecilia Petruconis. Philharmonic Orchestra: William Decourt, Audra Johnson, Nick Kalkman, Hannah Kiresuk, Claire Kolars, Sam Metzger. Repertory: Orchestra Chris Allen, Michaela Helms, Madison Holtze, Erik Kalkman, Olivia Palmer, Steven Taylor, Rebecca Dennison, Julie Vivic. Symphony Orchestra: Heather Anderson, Derek Bruns, Alex Huffman, Hannah MacLeod, Savannah Bates, Ni-Oblite Harper, Ben Reed, Lucas Sletten, Emily Strachan, Loughlin Wylie

Our thanks to the following companies and organizations and individuals who donated prizes to this year's wreath sales campaign, they were: Evergreen Industries, House of Note, Mall of America, Minnesota Orchestra MYS, Punch Pizza, Target, and Vicki Krueger.

How will you participate in

Bella Notte

Our 2010 benefit gala and auction promises to be an amazing evening for MYS.

Here are the top five ways you can participate.

1. Buy a *Bella Notte* Gala ticket for yourself and a guest (or many guests), and join us for a beautiful night of delectable dining, enthusiastic entertainment, and dynamic dancing. Watch your mail in early January for your invitation.
2. Spread the word about *Bella Notte* to others who might be interested in attending. We always like to share the MYS story and experience with new fans. Here's a way to introduce them to the program with a little extra panache!
3. Make a donation to the *Bella Notte* silent auction. Donations of retail gift cards in any amount, merchandise or services from local businesses, and one-of-a-kind experiential events will help us ensure our auction is filled with items that will generate profit-making bids.
4. Plan to do some shopping, bidding, and winning at the online *Bella Notte* Auction Site. Prior to the gala event on March 6th, our silent auction items will be up for grabs online. More details, including the auction Web address, will be coming soon.
5. Volunteer your time to help at the *Bella Notte* gala. A limited number of parent volunteers will be needed to assist with the silent auction and to serve as chaperones for participating Symphony students.

2009 Orchestra Retreats

Orchestra retreats have quickly become a much anticipated part of the MYS season where students bond as an orchestra, form friendships that will last a lifetime, and hone their skill as musicians.

The Philharmonic, Repertory, and Symphony Orchestras all leave town for weekend trips to YMCA Camp Pepin in Wisconsin during the fall trimester of MYS. "Getting together in this type of close quarters for two days really puts us ahead of the game in learning to work as a team," stated Philharmonic conductor, Jim Bartsch. With a weekend of intense rehearsals and sight-reading, students gain invaluable hours of practice and orchestral training that they are able to show off at the fall concert and throughout the remainder of the MYS season.

Beyond the rehearsals, students enjoyed orchestra bonding activities, outdoor games, bonfires, and fun times with friends. Retreats are truly a great experience for everyone involved and have become one of the highlights of the year. Many people are involved in making the retreats run smoothly.

MYS would like to thank all of the conductors, our Operations Manager, Rachel Bittner, who attends all of the retreats, as well as our wonderful volunteer parent chaperones.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication to MYS!

Thank you Chaperones! The following people were volunteer chaperones for the 2009 retreats: Julie Amundson, Deb Kravig, Karen Rothermel, Anna Moltchanova, Chuck Densinger, John Maddio, Britton Miller, Bryan Bergh, Michael Duffy, Joel Shoemaker, Jim Arnold, Barbara Rosamilia, Karen Obert, Peggy Cooper, Rosemary Kapsch, Kathryn, VandenBosch, Jane Boerboom, Paul Brashear, Paul Sletten, Carl Osterhouse, Yeonok Kim, and Daniel Gumnit.

2009-2010 Symphony Solo Competition

On November 1, 2009 the annual Symphony Solo Competition finals were held at St. Luke Lutheran Church in St. Paul. The competition was tough as always, and students showcased impressive technical and artistic ability in their performances.

The winner of the competition was tenth grade violist, **Natalie Alper-Leroux**. Natalie performed Hindemith's *Der Schwanendreher* and will be the featured soloist for the February 7, 2010 concert.

Congratulations to Natalie and all of the fantastic performers who took part in this year's competition finals.



Other students in the finals were: Alice Bartsch/violin, John Belk/cello, Charlie Birge/trombone, Sedra Bistodeau/violin, Patrick Cannady/piano, Seiji Cataldo/violin, Hanna Cooper/violin, Sarah Grimes/violin, Peter Kim/violin, Amanda Potts/flute.

MYS Alumni Dot the Map

With almost 4,000 students having participated in MYS since 1972, there is not an occupation in or out of music that they do not represent. Today we have students playing in professional orchestras and ensembles around the world. MYS alumni are composers, singers, actors, and some are working in the film industry as producers, animators, and writers. Past students are doctors, attorneys, professors, circus artists, educators, financial analysts, soldiers, policemen, scientists, and entrepreneurs. You can find our students all over the globe, living in England, Ireland, Canada, Austria, Finland, Iran, South America, Puerto Rico and across the U.S. Happily, no matter what their profession, many are still active musicians, enriching their communities with their music and their support of the arts.

We want to know where life's journey has taken our alumni. It is easy for alumni to keep us up-to-date. Visit the MYS website and click on the "alumni" banner and go to "update my info". We love pictures too. At the bottom of the update page there is way to upload a picture file. Be prepared, we might use alumni photos in our lobby display at our concerts or at the annual gala.

Your update will help us stay in touch and post you on alumni events, concerts and other MYS activities that might interest you. For those of you with children or grandchildren ready to enter the program, our website gives you all the information you need to get them ready for their first audition.
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Our students are the legacy of MYS. We applaud them all and wish them well. They will forever be part of the MYS heart and soul.



Symphony Orchestra takes time out for a group photo at YMCA Camp Pepin.