

MYS Weekly Update, December 14, 2011



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Bake Sale
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This is the December 14 issue of your Weekly Update. The Weekly Update contains important information pertaining to the upcoming Saturday rehearsal and other upcoming events. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the MYS office.

MYS Boutique & Bake Sale This Saturday!

Attention gift buying procrastinators: Procrastinate no more! The MYS Boutique and Bake Sale has you covered. Sweet treats, craft items, MYS gear, and coupon cards will be on sale this Saturday for all of those-hard-to-shop-for loved ones on your list.

Please drop off craft and bake sale between 8:00am–10:00am at the admin desk. All food items should be clearly labeled, with ingredients and a recipe listed. Please price your own items.

The Boutique and Bake Sale will be open until 1pm. Items not sold/containing chocolate, will go to Manny.

New start date for Composition class!

Due to make up sessions for the current Ear Training course, and room availability, MYS composition classes will not begin until January 21. You may still register by contacting Rachel Bittner, rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org or calling the MYS office. The class is open to all orchestras; beginners and experienced composers are welcome!

Reminder: There will be NO rehearsals Saturday, Dec. 24 and 31! Please note that the MYS Office will have limited office hours the week of December 26. Happy Holidays from MYS!

Symphony Holiday Sight-Reading

Parents, family, and friends are all invited to the Junior High cafeteria this Saturday at 10am for the Symphony Orchestra sight-reading performance of Leroy Anderson's *A Christmas Festival*, *Sleigh Ride*, and Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*.

Fundraiser Prize Pick-Up

If your name is on the list below and you haven't picked up your sweepstakes prize from the fundraiser you may do so this Saturday. Please come to the admin desk at rehearsal to claim your prize!

Badillo Moorman, Talia
Carter, Adele
Dale-Gau, Samuel
Decourt, William
Thatcher, Donovan
Fitzcollins, Sophia
Green, Amy
Grimes, Lydia
Hare, Katherine
Henning, Rachel
Holtze, Madison
Iskos, Nicolas
Kim, Sejin
Lee, Sunwoo
Lim, Beatrice
Loe, Grace
Maddio, Noah
McVea, Liam
Metzger, Mariah
Murphy, Vivian

Nalls, Zachary
Nelson, Emilee
Penshorn, Ryan
Peterson, Elise
Peterson, Daniel
Petruconis, Cecilia
Pignatello, Nicoletta
Ramette, Joshua
Rose, John Paul
Rudoll, Mitchell
Seong, Andrew
Skinner, Alexandra
Smith, Alexander
Taylor, Stephen
Thakkar, Neerja
Thakkar, Nitya
van der Merwe, Rochelle
Vicic, Julia
Youngdale, Elena
Zietlow, Henry

'Tis the Season for Giving

Since officially kicking off our 2012 annual fundraising campaign, MYS has already raised \$26,500 towards our goal of \$100,000. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please consider doing so as part of your yearly giving plans. In the next few days you'll be receiving our annual appeal letter, and we hope that you will consider making a contribution to help us reach our goal.

Donations made to the Annual Campaign go directly to support our students' comprehensive musical experience and provide the opportunity for them to follow their dreams. Your contribution is an investment in the growth and development of Minnesota youth and musical education.

To make a contribution online, go to <http://mnyouthsymphonies.org/support> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Once again, thank you very much for your generosity and support. We appreciate it!

Remember to check-in 15 minutes before your rehearsal start time!

Please remember that being "on time" to rehearsal means being tuned and seated when the conductor takes the podium. Students should arrive 15 minutes before their rehearsal start time and check in with the attendance monitor.

Lost & Found

Left behind, but not lost forever! If you've misplaced an item in the past few weeks, there's a good chance it's in the lost and found box at MYS. Stop by the admin desk to claim your lost items!

No Electronic Devices During Rehearsal!

Cell phones are NOT permitted during rehearsal. Please leave all cell phones in your cases during rehearsal. You may check them during your break. Students using cell phones or other electronic devices during rehearsal will be subject to disciplinary action, which can include dismissal from MYS.

MYS Ensemble Program

Ensemble playing is a great opportunity to hone your ensemble performance skills, get your group some visibility and develop your overall musicianship. MYS receives requests for small ensembles (strings, woodwinds, brass and mixed) throughout the season and will consider polished ensembles for community or private gigs, paid or unpaid. If you have an established ensemble and are interested in being added to the MYS ensemble list, please fill out a registration form, available on the MYS web site or info table at rehearsal. If you have any questions please email Rachel Bittner at rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org. Ensemble form online at: mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms.

Minnesota Varsity

Classical MPR will host its second annual statewide classical music showcase for high school musicians. Student musicians between the ages of 14-18 can submit their solo or ensemble recordings to Classical MPR. Recordings must be submitted by Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012. More info at: classicalmpr.org/varsity

Boston University's Tanglewood Institute: Minneapolis Auditions Jan. 15!

It's not too early to start thinking about summer music camps! The online application and sign-up for the Tanglewood Institute is now available online at www.bu.edu/tanglewood. You can also learn more about the program online by listening to audio clips from all of our programs, viewing videos and photos from past years, and reading details about this summer.