

# MYS Weekly Update, January 25, 2012



This is the January 25 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.

## **2012-13 Audition Information is Available Online!**

For updated audition dates, times and excerpts, go to [mnyouthsymphonies.org/auditions](http://mnyouthsymphonies.org/auditions). If you have any questions about audition information or registration, contact Rachel at: [rbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org](mailto:rbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org)

## **Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal and Concert Info!**

Sat. Feb. 11, Orchestra Hall Dress Rehearsal Times:  
String Orchestra: 8:30am – 9:50am  
Philharmonic Orchestra: 10:00am – 11:20am  
Repertory Orchestra: 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Symphony Orchestra: 1:10pm – 3:00pm

*Please note: Concert dress is NOT required for the dress rehearsal.*

The Winter Concert is Sunday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 pm at Orchestra Hall. Tickets on sale now! Order online [www.minnesotaorchestra.org](http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org), or call 612-371-5656.

## **Attention MYS Trumpeters:**

MYS alumnus, Mark Bobnick, will be visiting this Saturday. He will have a table set up in the lobby, and will be sharing information about the Charles Lazarus Trumpet Institute and the Trumpet Shop at Schmitt Music, which features most of the worlds top pro model trumpets, and offers a variety of clinics and workshops. We hope you all will stop by during your break to check it out!

## **Attention String Players: The Mary West Memorial String Scholarship Application Deadline is Feb. 4!**

The Mary West Memorial String Scholarship is an annual award given to a deserving student. The \$500 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.

Go to the MYS homepage to download the application materials today!

## **Music & Melody Makers a success!**

MYS' Music & Melody Makers took place last Saturday at Highland Jr. High. We had a good turnout, and our guests had a great time trying out all of the different instruments (we even had a harp this year!). The event also included snack time, an orchestra demonstration and Q&A session led by Claudette, and concluded with Repertory's performance of Jurassic Park. Thanks to all of the MYS students & volunteers that helped make this event happen!

## **MYS Sweatshirts And T-Shirts For Sale!**

MYS gear is still available for purchase at rehearsals. Stop by the admin desk to order your MYS sweatshirt or T-shirt this Saturday!  
*Please note: There are limited sizes available*

**February Concert Supervisors Needed!**

We are currently looking for parent concert supervisors for the February 12 concert. Concert supervisors monitor student behavior backstage and in the hall as students listen to the other orchestras perform. Supervisors do not need a ticket to the concert. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more info, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Maria Melichar at [mlhmelichar@aol.com](mailto:mlhmelichar@aol.com), or call 952-657-2323.

**MYS Alumni Invited to play on April 22, 2012 for the 40th Anniversary Concert at Orchestra Hall!**

In celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season and Spring Concert, MYS alumni are invited to join Manny Laureano and the MYS Symphony orchestra for a performance of the fourth movement from Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4!*

There will be one rehearsal, Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Orchestra Hall; the time is to be determined.

**Pre-Registration is required and the registration deadline is March 23, 2012.** If you have a family member or friend who is an MYS alum, please share this information with them.

To learn more and to register please go to: [mnyouthsymphonies.org/alumni/anniversaryconcert](http://mnyouthsymphonies.org/alumni/anniversaryconcert)

**MYS Picasa Photo Update!**

Check out the MYS Picasa page at [picasaweb.google.com/mnyouthsymphonies](http://picasaweb.google.com/mnyouthsymphonies) for updated photo albums. Special thanks to Dawn Anderson for all of her amazing photographs!

**Repertory Pizza Party next Saturday, Feb. 4!**

Congratulations to the Repertory Orchestra for winning this year's Fundraising Challenge! To celebrate, Repertory will have its very own pizza and dance party! The party will take place right after rehearsal next Saturday, February 4, in the Jr. High Cafeteria. Pizza will be served starting at 1:00, followed by a dance party with a live DJ!

**MYS Soliciting Online Auction Items!**

From February 15–March 15, MYS will be hosting an online auction, and we need your donations! By donating an item or multiple items to our online auction, you will support MYS orchestras and our talented young musicians. Perhaps you have a cabin you would donate for a weekend, tickets to a sporting event or a concert, or an ensemble that would donate a performance. To learn more about the online auction and to donate an item, [click here](#).

**MYS Make Changes to Summer Program**

A steady decline in our summer enrollment has forced us to suspend summer classes this year. We hope by giving you this advance notice, you will be able to find other musical opportunities this summer.

**MYS Inclement Weather Policy**

If rehearsal is being canceled due to inclement weather, call for a recorded message on our voice mail, 651-699-5811, or turn to WCCO radio (830AM). A decision to delay or cancel is usually made by 7:00 am on the Saturday in question. Please keep in mind that MYS is unable to make up canceled rehearsals; therefore the weather would have to be particularly treacherous to cause a cancellation.