

MYS Weekly Update, January 4, 2012



This is the January 4 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.

Rehearsals Resume This Saturday

Happy New Year MYS students and families! We hope everyone had a happy and relaxing holiday season. Rehearsals resume this Saturday at Highland Jr. High with all orchestras rehearsing at their usual times. Remember that being "on time" means being tuned and seated when your conductor takes the podium. Please check-in 15 minutes prior to your start time.

Strings: 8:45am – 11:00am

Philharmonic: 10:30am – 1:00pm

Repertory: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Symphony: 8:45am – 11:45am

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

Repertory Pizza Party

Congratulations to the Repertory Orchestra for winning this year's Fundraising Challenge! Repertory students who participated in the MYS fundraiser are invited to their very own pizza and dance party with a live DJ! The party will take place on Saturday, Feb. 4, following rehearsal (from 1:00-2:30pm.) in the Jr. High Cafeteria.

MYS Repertory Orchestra presents Music & Melody Makers January 21!

Music & Melody Makers is a FREE orchestra introduction program open to all children ages 3-14. This event will be held on Jan. 21 at Highland Jr. High School, from 9:00-10:30am.

Volunteers from Repertory Orchestra will demonstrate their instruments at different "stations", and let kids try them out first hand. After the demonstration there will be a brief presentation/performance by the full orchestra.

This program is a wonderful opportunity to introduce kids to different instruments, and hopefully get them excited about orchestra! Spread the word to your musical friends, teachers, or perhaps you have a younger family member that is curious about trying a musical instrument?

To register, or for more information, send an email to mys@mnyouthsymphonies.org, or call the MYS office at 651-699-5811.

Repertory Orchestra members: If you would like to be a volunteer for Music & Melody Makers on Jan. 21, send an email to Rachel at rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org. We need 2-3 volunteers for each instrument. It is recommended that you use an older or "starter" instrument if you have one, as guests will be encouraged to try out your instrument.

Mary West Memorial String Scholarship

The Mary West Memorial String Scholarship is an annual award given to a deserving student. 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. The scholarship will be awarded at the final concert of the MYS season.

Students interested in applying may go to mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms to download an application form. Application materials are due by Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

MN Orchestra Sectionals January 7 and 14!

We welcome the following coaches from the Minnesota Orchestra (click on a name for bio):

Violin: [Pam Arnstein](#)

Viola: [Richard Marshall](#)

Cello: [Anthony Ross](#) and [Mina Fisher](#)

Bass: [William Schrickel](#)

Woodwinds: [Tim Zavadil](#)

Brass: [Michael Gast](#)

Percussion: [Peter Kogan](#)

Harp: [Kathy Kienzle](#)

Sectional schedule:

January 7: Symphony & Philharmonic

January 14: String Orchestra, Philharmonic, & Repertory

Room locations will be posted at check in.

Please note: all orchestras/sections check in at the usual time on both dates.

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.

Harmony For Habitats: Chamber Music Concert to benefit Habitats for Humanity

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012 at 2:00pm
St. John's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis

Featuring: Tony Ross, Burt Hara, Ruggero Alliffranchini, Gina DiBello, Sabina Thatcher, Jeffrey Sykes and Beth Rapier featuring the music of Music by Mozart, Schoenfield, and Schubert.

Open Seating \$25, Reserved Seating \$50
Call 612-922-0396 x10 or email stjohns@stjohns-mpls.org to order tickets.

More info at: stjohns-mpls.org/harmony-habitat

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. 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.

MYS Sweatshirts And T-Shirts For Sale!

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

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.