

MYS Weekly Update, November 30, 2011



This is the November 30 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.

Rehearsal Resume this Saturday at Highland!

Strings: 8:45am – 11:00am

Philharmonic: 10:30am – 1:00pm

Repertory: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Symphony: 8:45am – 11:45am

String Orchestra Holiday Concert: Dec. 10

Join the MYS String Orchestra for their Holiday concert at Rosedale Shopping Center (East Entrance near Green Mill Restaurant) at 1:00pm on Saturday, Dec. 10. If you are in the String Orchestra, remember that your participation form is due this Saturday. If you haven't turned it in yet, please go to mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms to download a copy of the form, fill it out, and turn it in at the admin desk on Saturday.

MYS Boutique & Bake Sale: Dec. 17

Join in the festivities and participate in this year's MYS Craft Boutique & Bake Sale. In addition to sweet treats we are calling on all creative crafters to do what they do best—get crafty! General craft items, or craft items geared toward the holiday season will gladly be accepted. Craft items may be dropped off Sat. Dec 3 & 10 between 8:30am–12:30pm at the admin desk. All food items delivered on Dec. 17 should be clearly labeled, with ingredients and a recipe listed. Please price your own items!

Download the Craft Boutique & Bake Sale flyer for more info at mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms.

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MYS Boutique Open This Saturday!

Just in time for the holidays, the MYS Boutique is open and ready for business. MYS tote bags, Christmas ornaments, tables cloths, and other music related goodies will be available for purchase. The Boutique will be located next to the admin desk.

Music Education Classes

The composition class with Terry Burk will begin December 17! This course is designed for students who wish to flex their composing muscles-- beginners and experienced composers are welcome! If you would like to register for the composition class, email Rachel Bittner at rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org.

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.

Please see the OMAR (Orchestra Member Agreement and Release) on line at www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms for complete information regarding the MYS student code of conduct and disciplinary action information.

Baby, It's Cold Outside...and that means you need to take extra precautions with your musical instrument during the winter months. No instrument tolerates extreme changes in weather. The suggestions below apply to all types of instruments.

- Always protect your musical instrument from extreme temperatures such as excessive cold air, direct sunlight and artificial heat.
- Do not put your instrument in the trunk of the car during cold or very warm weather.
- Warm up your car before you put your instrument in the car.
- Do not leave your instrument in the car during cold weather or warm weather.
- Let the instrument acclimatize to indoor temperatures by leaving it in the case for several minutes before playing.
- Brass and wind instruments should be wiped out before you begin to play them. Remember to swab out your instrument periodically when you are playing it.
- Before you begin playing, inspect your instrument carefully for any small cracks, misaligned keys, loose corks, etc. Do not use your instrument if you notice cracks. Take your instrument in for assessment and repairs immediately.
- Invest a quality, insulated case for your instrument. The same rules apply even if you have an insulated case.
- When not in use, store your instrument in the case in a dry, safe place. (Not in the front hall by the door or near a heat register.)

All musicians that play wood instruments need to make sure that these instruments are kept in humidified rooms. That is important so as to avoid cracks. String players should also use dampits daily to help keep their instruments humidified.

Do not try to diagnose your instrument yourself. If you suspect damage, visit your instrument repair person immediately.

Check your home owners insurance to see if your instrument is covered for damage caused by extreme weather.

Repertory Orchestra Wins the 2011-12 Sale Away Student Fundraiser!

Bravo and congratulations to the Repertory Orchestra! Your fundraising efforts paid off, and not only will you be rewarded with a pizza party (date TBD), but you also won some serious bragging rights. Repertory raised \$13,838 in donations, wreath products and coupon card sales. We thank you for your tremendous effort in this year's fundraiser!

Our top overall seller was **Lydia Grimes** from the Philharmonic Orchestra! Lydia raised an astonishing **\$2,118** through donations and wreath sales. Way to go Lydia!

The second and third place overall top sellers were both from Repertory. **Emilee Nelson** raised an impressive **\$732** and **William Decourt** from raised **\$679**—no small feat!

Congratulations again to the Repertory Orchestra and our three top sellers, and thank you to all students and families who participated and helped support MYS! The top sellers will be awarded with cash prizes on Saturday, Dec. 10. All other sweepstakes prizes will be distributed on Dec. 10 as well.

MYS T-shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies

We have a limited number of MYS shirts still available! They make great holiday presents and stocking stuffers. You may pre-order an MYS t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie this week at rehearsal and it will be available for pick up at the admin desk Dec. 10.

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