

MYS Weekly Update, November 16, 2011



This is the November 16 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.

Bravo MYS Students and Conductors!

Congratulations to MYS students and conductors for an outstanding performance last Sunday evening. You set a new standard for MYS with your artistry. Thank you so much.

Special Thanks to our guest artist, **Nachito Herrera**, who brought the audience to their feet with an explosion of applause and treated us to a sublime encore.

We would also like to thank all of our wonderful Concert Supervisors for helping things run smoothly backstage!

Second Trimester Begins This Saturday

Rehearsals resume this Saturday at Highland Jr. High, with all orchestras rehearsing at their usual times.

Strings: 8:45am – 11:00am
Philharmonic: 10:30am – 1:00pm
Repertory: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Symphony: 8:45am – 11:45am

Wreath Distribution Day!

This Saturday wreath orders will be available for pick up in the south parking lot of Highland Jr. High from **9:30am – 1:00pm**. **Wreath sale volunteers will be taking inventory and preparing for distribution until 9:30am, and will NOT be filling orders prior to that time.**

All orders MUST be picked up by 1:00pm on Saturday. If you are absent on Saturday, you must make arrangements to have your order picked up anyway. MYS is not responsible for unclaimed orders.

Orders not picked up by 1:00pm will be re-sold, donated, or discarded.

Unsold Coupon Cards DUE Saturday!

Unsold coupon cards MUST be returned this Saturday. The packets of coupon cards distributed at the first rehearsal to each student are valued at \$200, and must be returned to Premier. You will be responsible for paying for the cards you do not return.

Sandy from Premier Fundraising will have a table set up near the check-in desk where you can turn in your remaining unsold cards.

Give to the Max Day: Today!

Join the great Minnesota *give* together and support MYS today, by making a contribution! Give to the Max day officially runs until midnight tonight, so there is still time to donate!

Make a donation simply by going to:

<http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Minnesota-Youth-Symphony>

To check out the non-profit leader board, and track our Give to the Max Day progress go to:

<http://givemn.razoo.com/p/2011-top-nonprofits>.

String Orchestra Holiday Concert: Dec. 10

Save the date! The MYS String Orchestra will perform a 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 Craft 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. Download the Craft Boutique & Bake Sale flyer for more info at mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms.

Music Education Classes with Terry Burk

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 rbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org.

Pick-Up Your MYS Gear This Saturday!

If you pre-ordered an MYS t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie, your order will be ready for pick-up this Saturday at the admin desk.

We will also have a limited number of extra t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodie's available to order. You may place your order at the admin desk this Saturday and your order will be available for pick-up on December 3 (after Thanksgiving break). Please remember we have a limited number of extras, so all orders will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Flute and Clarinet Day at the U of M

The University of Minnesota will host "Flute and Clarinet Day" on Sunday, December 4th. This event is open to all flutists and clarinetists, but is aimed especially at junior high and high school students who think they might be interested in majoring in music in college.

There will be a clinic for each instrument followed by a duo recital by Alexander Fiterstein (clarinet) and Immanuel Davis (U of M Associate Professor of Flute). There will also be an opportunity to meet current flute students and talk about the program (parents are also invited!).

See the link below for full details. Also, please feel free to email admin@umfaflutes.org if you have any other questions.

<https://events.umn.edu/016268>