

MYS Weekly Update, October 5, 2011



MYS 40th Anniversary Season

This is the October 5 issue of your Weekly Update. The MYS Weekly Update is a weekly communication that goes out to all MYS families. It includes important information pertaining to MYS rehearsals, concerts and other upcoming events. It is important that you review the Weekly Update information each week, as it is our primary means of communication. Do not hesitate to contact the MYS office if you have any questions.

Symphony Side-by-Side with the MN Orchestra

Friday, October 21, 11:30am-2:00pm

GTCYS/MO (Dvorak: Carnival Overture): 11:30-12:35

Rehearsal Break: 12:35-12:55

MYS/MO (Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4): 12:55-2:00

Students should check in by 11:15 a.m. and enter the Stage Door. MYS and GTCYS students are encouraged to attend both halves, and will watch from the Main Floor when the other group is rehearsing.

MYS Gear

Want to be decked out in the latest MYS gear? You can now pre-order an MYS hoodie, crewneck sweatshirt, or t-shirt! Go online to www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms and download a pre-order form, or stop by the info desk to pick up a form. Sample sizes of shirts will be available at rehearsals.

Snacks For Sale at Rehearsal!

MYS will sell a variety of packaged snacks at the admin desk for 50 cents!

Savvi Formal Wear Changes Rental Option!

We were just notified that Savvi Formal wear is dropping their rental option for tuxedos. However, they do have a purchase option: \$130 for coat and pant bought together, \$110 for coat separate, or \$35 for pant separate. Shirts, bow ties, cummerbunds and shoes are also available. Alterations are NOT included. Offer is available at any Savvi Store. Please call 612-708-7551 or go to www.savviformalwear.com if you have any questions.

Teacher Updates

Please remember to notify the MYS office if you have changed private teachers or if they have a new address or email. It is important that we are able to communicate with your private teacher so we can offer them complimentary tickets to our concerts!

Lost and Found

Found items left behind at rehearsal are in a special box at the admin desk. Please make sure you have your name on all parts of your music stand and your stand bag. Remember to double check to make sure you have everything collected before you leave rehearsal.

MYS Concert Posters

Concert posters are available at the info table at rehearsals. Please pick some up and put them up at your school, church, synagogue, local library, and help spread the word about MYS concerts!

Philharmonic Female Retreat Chaperones Needed!

If you are interested in chaperoning, email Rachel at rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org. The Philharmonic retreat dates are Oct. 15 and 16.

Symphony Solo Competition Application Reminder

The Symphony Solo Competition application deadline is fast approaching! All materials are due on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Competition finals will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30, 4 p.m., at Sundin Hall, Hamline University. The winner of the competition will perform at the MYS Winter concert on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012. For more info at: www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/members/performance

MYS Boutique and Bake Sale

Soon it will be the season for tasty treats and we are looking for volunteers to help with the annual MYS Crafts Boutique and Bake Sale. The sale will take place on Saturday, December 17th from 9:00 am to 12:30pm. We need people to donate craft items to the sale as well as baked goods. Proceeds from this year's sale will go to offset the cost of the new Yamaha digital piano we need for rehearsals. Please see the attached flyer for more details go to: www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms

MN Orchestra *Inside the Classics* Concert Deal!

The Minnesota Orchestra invites you to enjoy 2 tickets for \$10 to your choice of *Inside the Classics* performances of **Shostakovich Symphony No. 5** on Friday, November 11 at 8pm or Saturday, November 12 at 8pm at Orchestra Hall. Simply enter or mention coupon code MYSTICKETS when ordering online at www.minnesotaorchestra.org/intro or by phone at 612.371.5656. Some restrictions apply.

DePue Brother Band performs Thurs. Oct. 6, 7 p.m.

DePue Brothers is a unique blend of genres and includes Philadelphia Orchestra members with "jaw dropping virtuosity". The band is "classical meets bluegrass meets rock." They'll perform tomorrow at the Ramsey Fine Arts Center Auditorium. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, FREE for students accompanied by a parent.

Sale Away! Fundraiser Check-in

With just a few weeks left of the annual student fundraiser, we hope that all students and families have been actively participating, so we can reach our goal of raising \$50,000 and achieving 100% student participation.

Funds raised help MYS provide students and families with the highest level of orchestral training possible. Artistic costs directly related to your experience in MYS exceed \$100,000 annually. This amount covers Minnesota Orchestra sectional coaches, rental fees for Orchestra Hall, the purchase and rental of music, the maintenance and purchase of instruments, facility use at Highland Junior High, and student scholarships. Your participation is vital for the success of MYS programs.

Special sales incentives include a **\$500 cash** prize for the top selling student, and a **pizza party** for the top selling orchestra!

Coupon Card Fundraiser Incentive

Premier Fundraising will do a check-in on Oct. 8 and Oct. 22, tallying who has sold the most coupon cards. The top selling student at each October check-in point will receive a \$25 Visa gift card!

The Coupon Card Fundraiser concludes Saturday, Oct. 22! ALL packets and money must be turned in at that time. FREE cards will be distributed that day as well.

The Wreath Sale Fundraiser concludes on Saturday, Oct. 29! ALL orders and money MUST be turned in that day. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED! If you cannot be at rehearsal that day, you must arrange to have your order dropped off by someone else, or arrange to mail it to the MYS office the week before. If you have any questions, please contact the MYS office.

Wreath distribution day is Saturday, Nov. 19!