

MYS Weekly Update, September 28, 2011



MYS 40th Anniversary Season

This is the September 20 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 + MN Orchestra Side-by-Side

The Minnesota Orchestra has invited the students of the **MYS Symphony Orchestra** to participate in a side-by-side rehearsal conducted by Robert Spano on Friday, Oct. 21, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please confirm “yes” or “no” via email to Rachel Bittner at rmbittner@mnyouthsymphonies.org by Saturday, Oct. 1. More at: www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms.

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 this Saturday to pick up a form. Sample sizes of shirts will be available at rehearsals.

Savvi Formal Wear Performing Arts Rental Program

Orchestra gentleman in need of a tux: Savvi Formal Wear (at multiple locations) is offering a \$100 tux rental fee for the entire school year. It includes a tux, formal shirt, studs & links. Shoes available for an extra \$12. Go to www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/forms for more info!

Repertory Retreat: Oct. 1 and 2

The Repertory Orchestra will pack their bags for a weekend of rehearsals, orchestra bonding and outdoor fun Saturday, Oct. 1 and will return Sunday, Oct. 2.

Students should arrive at Highland Jr. High by 8 a.m.! Buses are scheduled to return Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Please arrange to **pick up your child on time** when they return from retreat. More info about retreat online at: www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/retreats.

Students: feel free to bring homework or a book along for the bus ride, which is about 1.5 hours.

Note to Repertory percussionists: Please arrive no later than 7:45am this Saturday to help load the percussion truck for your retreat. A list of percussion equipment needed for the retreat will be provided--please double check to make sure you have everything you need for the weekend. Percussionists are also expected to help unload equipment to the storage area when you return on Sunday.

Philharmonic and Symphony Percussionists:

Jay Bluhm, percussion assistant, will not be at rehearsal this week. Please be sure to arrive 30 minutes before your rehearsal time to allow enough time for percussion set-up. Ask a parent rehearsal assistant if you need help moving equipment.

Other Upcoming Orchestra Retreats

Philharmonic Orchestra: Oct. 16 & 16
String Orchestra Day Retreat: Saturday, Oct. 29

Symphony Solo Competition

The stakes are high as MYS' top musicians perform in a recital to determine the winner of the annual Symphony Solo Competition. The winner goes on to perform his or her concerto with the MYS Symphony Orchestra as part of the Feb. 12, MYS Winter Concert. This competition is open to Symphony students only.

The application deadline is Saturday, Oct. 15.

Competition finals will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4 p.m., at Sundin Hall, Hamline University. For more information and to download an application form, go to:

www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/members/performance

Contest for Coupon Card Fundraiser

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!

Remember for every 5 cards you sell you get one FREE, that's \$20.00 for yourself. If you sell all 10 in your packet, you'll earn 2 FREE cards (\$40)!

Music Education Classes with Terry Burk

Conservatory/College Preparatory Ear Training began last Saturday. If you missed the first class, it's not too late to sign up! Send an email to

mys@mnyouthsymphonies.org, to register.

Conservatory/College Preparatory Ear Training Info:
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Philharmonic/Repertory
Noon – 1:00 p.m. Symphony
Class Location: Junior High Choir Room

More info at:

www.mnyouthsymphonies.org/what/education

Violin Master Class with Minnesota Orchestra Associate Concertmaster, Roger Frisch

To learn more about this master class opportunity and to download an application form go to: www.nwc.edu/music

Application deadline: Monday, Oct. 3.

Nachito Herrera Master Class at MacPhail

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. Nachito Herrera will perform in a Master Class entitled, "Reflections on Rachmaninoff" at Antonello Hall, at MacPhail Center for Music. Admission is free for MYS and MacPhail students and is \$5 for non-students. No registration is required.

Save the date and hear a preview of Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 2* at MacPhail, and then hear the concerto performed with the MYS Symphony Orchestra at the MYS Fall concert, [Sunday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., Orchestra Hall](#).

40th Anniversary Season Tickets On Sale!

Don't miss your chance to secure your favorite seats at Orchestra Hall! Tickets for **for all three** 2011-12 MYS concerts are currently on sale through the Orchestra Hall Box Office.

Order tickets online at

www.minnesotaorchestra.org, over the phone, by calling 612-371-5656, or in person, at 1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, 55403.

Please Note: There are no service charges for in-person transactions at the Orchestra Hall Box Office located at 11th Street and Marquette Avenue in downtown Minneapolis. There is a \$4.75 service charge per transaction for all phone and online orders. Call 612-371-5656 to order tickets over the phone.