



youth symphony

March 2010

Conductor's Corner

Featuring... Nancy Nagano

Dear Orchestra!

We are coming very close to our next concert and we need to practice, practice!!

Also, please come and see me if you would like to perform at the Music at 2 concert on March 28th. I am hoping that the concerto contestants (besides Mark and the Quartetto Italiano) will perform their concertos.

And, please do NOT forget to practice Beethoven Sym. I am planning to play it on Tour at the Santa Barbara concert; so all the movements have to be as top notch as the 1st movement!

Also, I need ALL of you to put out your deposits for tour. **I am counting on all of you to join us in San Diego this June.** Please contact Ingrid English at Gulliver's Travel 541-4141 to make payments, call Issy or Andrea for further information about the trip.

Nancy Nagano
Concert Orchestra Conductor

Dates To Remember

For a full calendar and more details go to the Youth Symphony web site at:
www.sloyouthsymphony.org

Saturday, March 6
Symphony Free Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, March 14
Spring Concert

Monday, March 15
Tuition Due

Friday, March 19
Prep Run Out

Saturday, March 20
Symphonic Winds Clinic

Sunday, March 28
Music at 2

Preparatory Strings Run-Out Concert

Friday, March 19th Preparatory String run out concert will be held at The Villages Retirement Community in the Palms dining room. Students should arrive at 2:30pm for a 3:00 performance with music and their instrument wearing everyday clothing. Music stands will be provided. If you need a letter for your child to be dismissed from school early, it's on the website at the following link:

http://sloyouthsymphony.org/Library/Run_out_permission_slip.pdf

Spring Concert

Sunday, March 14th at 3pm at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande will be the Spring Concert. Contact the Clark Center box office to purchase your general admission tickets at 489-9444 or online at www.clarkcenter.org
\$15 Adults
\$5 Children 14 and under

Musicians Arrival Times

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| Concert Orchestra | 11:45 |
| Symphonic Winds | 12:45 |
| Academy Strings | 1:30 |
| Preparatory Strings | 2:05 |
| Concert | 3:00 |

Please refer to your handbook for concert dress for each ensemble.

Join other families at Klondike's Pizza in the AG Village after the concert to celebrate!

Symphonic Winds Clinic

Saturday, March 20th from 10am-2:30pm we will be hosting a clinic at Grace Church in SLO exclusively for Symphonic Winds. Students will spend the day working with professional musicians in our community focusing on technique, chamber music and a little something brand new! **The \$20 commitment fee was due February 17th, but we will extend the deadline until Monday, March 8th.** Lunch will be provided. _Faculty TBA

Music at 2

Sunday, March 28 at 2pm will be our annual *Music at 2* chamber concert at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 2047 Parker Street in SLO. Anyone is welcome to attend. **If you would like to participate please notify Issy or Nancy with your piece, composer, name of musicians and accompanist's name no later than Monday, March 8th.**

Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 2074 Parker Street in San Luis Obispo (Between South St. and High St. behind Smart & Final)

*Location of UU has moved since last year.

When: Sunday, March 28
12:30 PM Musicians arrive
1:30 PM Doors Open
2:00 PM Concert begins

Performers should dress in semi-formal concert attire
Cost: \$15 suggested donation in place of ticket purchase

Children's Concert

Fly Me to the Moon- from J.S. Bach to Mr. Spock

Monday March 22, 2010 9:30am and 11:30am Christopher Cohan Center, San Luis Obispo

Explore how imagination comes to life through musical expression. Join Michael Nowak, the San Luis Obispo Symphony and special guest jazz vocalist Inga Swearingen as they traverse rhythm, rhyme and melody to define the magic and delight in the works of the world's greatest composers. Tickets are still available; please contact Andrea at 543-3533 for details.

There will be a Teacher Workshop Tuesday, March 9 from 4-5:30 for parents and teachers bringing students to the concert. We will be exploring music featured in *Fly me To the Moon, From JS Bach to Mr. Spock* and provide lessons to help prepare you and your students for their concert experience. Please join us!

From Parent Committee Chair Diane Heath

Hello Parents,

Our Spring Concert is approaching fast and we are now accepting donations for our themed raffle baskets. The Grand Prize is a San Luis "StayCation". We are looking for "things to do" right here in our own area! How about a tasting at a local winery, a day at a spa, dinner gift certificates or even concert tickets to a local venue? Perhaps you have a business that you could possibly donate a gift certificate from. If so, please let us know.

Our two themed baskets are "Young at Heart" for ages 9-12 and "Things for Teens" 13-18. Start bringing in donations according to these themes. If you would like to solicit to a business for a donation, the raffle solicitation letter and donation form are available on the website. Just go to parent and student info, then forms and publications.

We are asking for all donations to be brought in ASAP to the green room during the last 2 regular youth symphony rehearsal time as in the past. There will be a volunteer parent there to receive them from you. We will be assembling the baskets

during the dress rehearsal on Friday - March 12th.

Thanks to you all! I would also like to send out a special thank you to our volunteer parents who have been working very hard at making this committee successful.

See you at the concert!

Diane Heath
Volunteer Parent Committee Chair
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Food Drive

At the Youth Symphony Spring Concert, we will be partnering with the **Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County** in a food drive for needy families as part of the national campaign called "Orchestras Feeding America." Your generous donations of cash or non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted in the lobby at this concert and we thank you for your support.

Suggested items:

- canned soups, stews and chili
 - peanut butter
 - canned tuna
 - canned fruits & veggies
 - beans & rice
 - pasta & pasta sauce
 - real fruit juice
 - diapers
- (no perishables, no glass)
Cash donations also gratefully accepted.

Anyone making a cash or food donation will receive a ticket for the *Things for Teens and Young at Heart Raffle* prizes. For more information about the Food Bank, please call 238-4664.