



# youth symphony

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## Conductor's Corner

Dear Orchestra,

You guys are really off to a great start! It's exciting for me! Every time I hear some great pieces on the radio, I think, "Oh, maybe we should do this piece".

The Concerto Competition is coming up fast! Those of you who signed up, please try and perform your piece at least once before bringing it to the competition. That really helps your confidence and overall performance.

I'm really looking forward to hearing you. I may be mentioning a few pieces and asking for your feedback as to what you may want to do. Let's really blow everyone away with a fantastic performance in December!!!

Nancy

## Festival Mozaic Master Class

*Tuesday, October 18th*

SLOYs partnered with Festival Mozaic to present a master class with Music Director Scott Yoo.

Joseph, Philip, Timothy & Titus Shanks performed a Mozart string quartet for the first half. A week later the Shanks dazzled the SLOS Music Education committee by implementing what they had learned with their much improved performance. Alex Baker, Jessica Livermore & Pamela Sheffler performed the second half of the master class. Keep your eye out for future master classes with prestigious guest artists. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



*Scott Yoo and the Shanks brothers at the Master Class.*

## Important Dates

**November 12**  
Classics Concert and  
Free Dress Rehearsal

**November 13**  
Concerto Competition

**December 11**  
Holiday Concert

## Concerto Competition

This year's Concerto Competition will be held on Sunday, November 13th, 2011 at 2pm in the home of Dr. Mark Sherman & Ms. Denise Barilla at 2311 Brant Street in the Cypress Ridge Community of Arroyo Grande.

Adjudicators will be Paul Severtson, SLOS Co-Concertmaster; Kathleen Lenski, SLOS Artistic Advisor and Grammy award winning violinist as well as Geoffrey Rutkowski, Director of the UCSB String Program.

Musicians participating are Alex Baker, Brydon Boyd, Joshelle Conley, Shawna Griffin, Joseph & Philip Shanks & Joseph Wyrer.

One of these talented students will be chosen to perform their concerto with the Concert Orchestra at the Spring Concert on Sunday, March 18th, 2012.

All youth symphony families are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Issy by November 15th.

## Youth Symphony BBQ

Thank you to all the families that joined us for the BBQ October 15 at Meadow Park! We especially appreciated all the help from the Heath and Soll families in getting the picnic up and running and manning the grill. What a wonderful way to kick off the season!

## Academy in the Pines

Don't miss out! We hope all Academy students will join us for an action packed weekend of intensive string study, fun activities & team building with peers.

The 7th Annual retreat will be held January 20th-22nd at Camp Ocean Pines in Cambria. If you haven't already signed up, please contact Issy.



## Where are they Now?

### Featuring George Major

*Studying at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah*

I've been busy here at BYU doing lots of musical things. Auditions went well, and I'm honored to be Principal 2nd in the Symphony, which involves running sectionals! I have a deep respect now for all our coaches who run the YS sectionals. I will be involved with a volunteer program to teach middle school children string instruments privately soon. Having helped with the Strings in the Schools program and as a volunteer coach in the Youth Symphony, I'm glad to say I feel prepared to do this. The experiences that Youth Symphony has given me has allowed me to have a mature perspective on life, music, and how to conduct myself to do what is both beneficial to me and to my new community here at BYU. I'm always happy when people report to me how the Youth Symphony is doing. Keep on practicing!

George

## Parent Volunteers Needed

*for December 11th Concert*

The winter concert at the Clark Center is on the afternoon of Sunday December 11th. In order to make this event run smoothly we are in need of several parents to work backstage and in the lobby. This year I will be coordinating the parent volunteers and am seeking parents to work a variety of positions including posts in the children's dressing rooms, entrances, and in the green room. Volunteering at the concerts is a great way to see what happens behind the scenes and to meet the kids and many parents. I have volunteered behind the scenes for the past 6 concert seasons and can attest to the fact that the jobs are fun and only require last minute direction. When your child is on stage you are welcome to break away from duties to view the performance, so you won't miss any of the action. Parent volunteers will need to attend a meeting on the evening dress rehearsal and they should arrive on the concert day at the same time as their child. If you can help out please contact me at 674-1652. BTW, my daughter, Mary MacLane plays bass with the orchestra. Hope to meet you at the concert or at the dress rehearsal.

Kathy MacLane

## From the Parent Committee Chair

Dear Parents,

Our December 11th concert is quickly approaching and it's time to get geared up and ready! We will be giving away two Youth Symphony raffle baskets at the concert and those themes are "Snuggle Up" and "Chocolate & Wine." We are asking EACH family to bring in donated items to create these beautiful baskets. By having EVERY family participate, the baskets will be full of wonderful items. For both of these themes, the ideas are endless! Please start bringing items on Mondays during the regular rehearsal time in the green room. All items must be brought in by Monday, Dec. 5th. This enables us to see what we have and to make sure there are plenty of goodies!

Monday, Nov. 7th. will be our first Parent Volunteer Committee at 5:15pm. We will be discussing the baskets, volunteer positions for our upcoming concert, Parent Volunteer Lead Positions, Grand Prize Basket, fundraising and Yearbook. We are looking for a couple of more parents to be involved with the Yearbook. This is a project that we will start working on right after the first of the year, so your help is needed. ANY parent interested in helping in these areas should come and join us, there is no experience necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact me anytime, as I am always available to help in any way I can.

Thank you so very much!

Diane Heath

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