

PYP NOTES

A newsletter for musicians, parents, friends, and family of the Portland Youth Philharmonic Association

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All of you are learning new repertoire now that the Concert-at-Christmas has happened. It is important for you to commit yourselves to learning the new pieces you have been assigned thoroughly. That learning process will be enhanced by repeated listening to recordings of the repertoire in question. All of you should be listening to recordings of great music and great performers regularly. You will learn a lot by exploring their work.

I have set up online folders for PYP and PYCO to download recordings of their repertoire. PYP has mostly been a success, with many downloads. I am currently disappointed in the response from PYCO. You have to work much harder to achieve your goals. PYCO is playing unprecedented repertoire this year. Very few youth orchestras in the United States will be playing as much repertoire as PYCO is this year!

I am expecting great things from PYCO as an orchestra and also from its members as individuals. Of course all of you know what is expected of you at the auditions next spring. I certainly hope that the scale practice routines you have developed are sufficient! If your scales are not learned or if it is in any way evident that your scales are not practiced regularly, you will be disappointed in the results of those auditions. Beyond that, Mr. Johnson's evaluation of your preparedness and attendance at PYCO rehearsals is of utmost importance.

PYP ensembles can only function at the level to which we are accustomed when every musician is willing to work hard. That hard work comes in many forms. Practicing, of course, particularly slow, methodical practice with a metronome is critical. Working with your private instructors on your personal priorities is extremely important as well. I also believe you must spend considerable time listening to classical repertoire in excellent performances.

There is no excuse for not listening. Your generation of performers has access to more recordings than any in history. Between YouTube, Spotify, iTunes and others, there is virtually no work you cannot hear in excellent performances with a simple internet connection. The recordings I choose to send are often older, live recordings unobtainable elsewhere. I

believe you will learn from them, and I expect you to take advantage of them. Load them into your iPods and enjoy.

Congratulations on your successes so far this season. I can't wait to hear what you will achieve by season's end.



Conservatory Orchestra

PYCO CHILDREN'S CONCERTS

Wednesday, February 1, 2012
Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall

ENTER: Stage Door on SW Salmon St.

CALL TIME: 8:15 AM on stage warming up

DRESS: Concert dress (you must arrive in concert dress, there is no time to change before the concert.)

CASE: Downstairs in the Green Room, Celli and Basses backstage left.

TIME LINE:

8:15 am	Call time (on stage warming up)
8:30-9:30 am	Acoustic Rehearsal
10:00 am	First Concert begins
10:45 am	First Concert ends
11:30 am	Second Concert begins
12:15 pm	Second Concert ends

CONCERT REPERTOIRE:

Selections from –

- Mahler: Symphony No. 2**
- Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet Overture**
- Honegger: Pacific 231**
- Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique**

NOTE: You may not leave the building during breaks so plan ahead! Bring any snacks you might need. You can take your breaks in the upstairs dressing rooms or the downstairs lounge.

TICKETS: If you have family or friends interested in hearing the concert they can volunteer as ushers. Call the PYP office 503-223-5939 for details. There are no tickets available for this concert.

TRANSIT: You may be dropped off and picked up outside the stage door. Parking is available at several lots and garages along 10th Avenue and on SW Salmon St.

You will not have time to feed meters. Please allow yourself time for traffic and parking considerations, you will be marked tardy if you are not checked in by 8:15 am.



One Free Ticket for any PYP Musician:

PYP Chamber Orchestra Concert
and Persian Art Exhibit

Wieden+Kennedy Gallery, 224 NW 13th Ave,
Portland, OR

January 29, 2012

3:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres and Persian Art and
Instrument Exhibit

4:00 pm Chamber Orchestra Concert

Members of the Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP) and Conductor and Music Director David Hattner will present a Chamber Orchestra Concert. On the program will be two major works. The first is Last Round by Osvaldo Golijov. It is for nine strings and is a wonderful, virtuoso work. The second half includes guest artists Hossein and Bobak Salehi who will join the Chamber Orchestra for Henry Cowell's Persian Set. The Salehi's will be playing traditional Persian Instruments. In addition, the Salehis will perform authentic Persian works and demonstrate their instruments. You won't have many chances to hear performances like this, so be there! Come early for hors d'oeuvres and to view a collection of Persian art and Persian instruments provided by the Salehi's.

Any member of the Portland Youth Philharmonic Association may get into the concert for free. Tickets prices are \$15.00 for seniors and students and \$20.00 for adults (including handling fees). For more information, or to order tickets in advance, call the Portland Youth Philharmonic at 503-223-5939. (Office hours at PYP are M-F 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER

PYP invites students to nominate their school music teachers and their outstanding programs for the public recognition they deserve. Does your school music teacher inspire students? Do they build community? Do they encourage and instill excellence and dedication? Then nominate your school music teacher for the Mary V. Dodge Award for Outstanding School Music Program. This award is named after PYP's founder, a music teacher from Portland's Irvington School, who created the forerunner of today's PYP with the most advanced students in her orchestra class. Just as it did then, it all starts in the schools. The winning school will receive 100 free tickets for the winning teacher and their students to PYP's Spring Concert on May 6, 2012 in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be received no later than Friday, March 2, 2012.

Please submit your nomination to:
information@portlandyouthphil.org.

Required information: your name, your phone number (for prize notification), your school name, and teacher name. Why do you want to nominate your teacher for this award? (Things to consider: what is your classroom environment like? What creative, unique, or valuable things does your teacher incorporate into their teaching? Do they involve others in teaching? How do they encourage learning from all students?)

Children's Concert Volunteers Needed!

It's Children's Concert time again! On Wednesday, February 1st members of PYCO will perform for an enthusiastic crowd of elementary and middle school students at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The two concerts will be held at 10:00 am and 11:30am.

Parents can only attend if they sign up to be volunteer ushers. If you are interested in volunteering for the February 1st concerts, please contact Kevin Allen at: kevinallen@portlandyouthphil.org or call the PYP office at 503.223.5939.

SAVE THE DATE!

Parent Meetings

January 16th, 18th and 19th

PYP and YSE parent meeting:

Monday, Jan. 16th, 6:30 -7:30 pm

PYWE parent meeting:

Wednesday, January 18th, 8:00-9:00 pm

PYCO PARENT MEETING:

Thursday, January 19th, 8:00-9:00 pm

Greetings Parents,

I invite you to join me and my colleagues for a parent meeting to be held during rehearsals in the third week of January. Your meeting will be held during the time of your child's ensemble rehearsal at Jackson Middle School. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss school music advocacy, PYP's parent network and PYP's fundraising breakfast.

I look forward to spending this time with you.

Kind Regards,

Kevin A. Lefohn

Executive Director

EVENTS CALENDAR

January 29

Chamber Orchestra Concert, 4:00 pm
Wieden + Kennedy

February 1

PYCO Children's Concert,
10:00 am & 11:30 am

February 15

PYWE School Run Out to Beaverton
*you will need to miss school for this event

February 26

Cadenza Concert, 4:00 pm
Skyview High School

March 4

YSE Cushion Concert, 2:30 & 4:30 pm
World Forestry Center

DVD Orders

See your concert captured with broadcast quality high definition camcorders. Asparro Video order forms were sent with your enrollment packet. Mail completed form to: Asparro Video, 14293 Amberwood Circle, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 or call us at 347-6659 or order on line at: www.asparrovideo.com (order tab) American Express, VISA, Master Card, and Discover accepted.