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# Rhythms E-Newsletter

April 2017

## Upcoming Events

### Ancora String Quartet Master Class

Friday, March 31

7:00 PM

*Madison Christian Community  
Church*

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### [Endangered Instrument Workshops](#)

Saturday, April 8

1:00 pm

*Humanities Bldg.*

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### Chamber Recitals

Saturday, April 8, 2017

2:00 pm & 6:00 pm

*Oakwood West*

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### Eugenie Mayer Bolz Family Spring Concerts

## April Showers brings May Music!

In April, WYSO will be busy preparing for the Eugenie Mayer Bolz Family Spring Concerts on May 20 & 21. This concert cycle will showcase the culmination of work you've put in over the last season. Remember to put your best foot forward at each rehearsal so that your orchestra can truly shine come May.

A reminder that if you've not yet turned in your Musical Notes donations, there's still time to do so. Please see the article below.

Also, this Friday, March 31 the Ancora String Quartet will be giving a masterclass at Madison Christian Community Church at 7:00 pm. This event is free and open to all WYSO members and families.

1:00 pm - Harp Ensemble,  
Sinfonietta, and Concert Orchestra  
4:00 pm - Percussion Ensemble,  
Brass Choirs, and Philharmonia  
Orchestra

*Mills Concert Hall*

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### **Youth Orchestra Side by Side With Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra**

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

4:30 pm

*Overture Center*



## **WYSO Auditions**

The deadline to register for a 2017 - 2018 WYSO audition has passed, however, current members may still reserve their seat in their current orchestra. To do so, please click [here](#).

For those who have registered, an e-mail with specific information will be forthcoming.

For information about our auditions please visit our [audition page](#). Questions? Contact [Joe Bernstein](#).

## **Senior Banquet RSVP and Bio**

WYSO Seniors, this is a reminder that you are all cordially invited to the annual **WYSO Senior Banquet on May 13, 2017 at the University Club**. The banquet will take place from **12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**. Please note that this is a different date than in the member handbook. Rehearsals will be let out early that day to accommodate the banquet. There is no charge for the banquet, but we do ask that you **RSVP by April 28, 2017**. Each WYSO senior may bring up to two guests to the banquet as well.

The University Club is very accommodating to food allergies, so if you or your guests have any, please list them in the RSVP.

in the same form as the RSVP to the Senior Banquet. The deadline for this is also April 28, 2017.

To RSVP and to submit your bio, please visit our website.

<http://www.wysomusic.org/senior-awards-bio-rsvp/>

## Musical Notes

Our Musical Notes fundraiser has been a success so far and we are well on our way to meeting our goal, however we still have almost 30% of our WYSO families who have not yet participated. **Remember our goal is 100% participation across all five orchestras!** We will be sending out reminder letters in the coming days to those families who haven't yet participated in this fundraiser. Even if you can't meet your \$150 goal, participating is the most important thing. We will accept musical notes donations from families until the end of the season.

### Remember

- Each member is expected to raise **\$150**. Our goal is 100% participation this year!
- Please make sure that you have all donations in your musical notes envelopes and that they are clearly labeled on the front, distinguishing raffle and general donations.
- The orchestra that raises the most per person will receive an ice cream party at the end of the year!
- You can easily donate to Musical Notes online! Just be sure to list Musical Notes and the WYSO member's name in the donation form.

If you have questions about this fundraiser, please contact [Jonathan Schroerlucke](#) or visit the [musical notes page](#) of our website. You can check on your balance at any time by contacting him.

Thank you for your participation in making WYSO great!

[Donate Today!](#)

## Workshops

WYSO is continuing our endangered instrument workshops. Each series will offer something different for the young musicians involved, including working closely with a professional musician about technique related to their instrument. **All workshops are free and open to the public.** Please encourage your friends to attend and develop their skills in a group setting, alongside their peers. All participants in our Endangered Instrument Workshop Series are eligible for private lesson scholarships, based on funds available.

### Workshop Date

April 8, 2017

**Viola Explorers** - Workshops devoted skill building on the viola, with some focus on switching from violin and audition preparation.

**enCORE Horn Program**- Workshops for all middle and high school horn players focusing on developmental techniques and audition preparation.

**Begin the Bassoon** - Workshops for all bassoonists interested in improving their playing, along with reed making classes and instrument loaning.

**All about that Bass** - Workshops intended for both bass players and other string players interested in learning bass.

**Low Brass Bootcamp** - Workshops for all low brass players focusing on breathing, sound, technique, and more.

For more information and to register, please visit our [website](#).

*Endangered Instrument Workshops are funded in part by a grant from the Green Bay Packers Foundation*

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Scholarships available for Wisconsin students.



Sections are filling quickly!

Percussion & Steel Band

June 18 - July 1

Symphony

July 2 - 15

Jazz

July 16 - 29  
~~July 30 - Aug 12~~  
 session full

Apply online today at [birchcreek.org/academy](http://birchcreek.org/academy)

## Parent Leader Committee Corner

### WYSO Coffee is Going Fast!

You may have noticed a new booth at rehearsals in the Strelow Lounge. The Parent Leader Committee (PLC) will have a booth set-up at at rehearsal each week to help with any questions you might have. They'll also be handing out raffle tickets and selling merchandise. **In addition, they are also be selling our new WYSO coffee, *Rhapsody in Brew* for \$15 a pound.** Be sure to stop by and say hello!



## April Special Rehearsals

Please note the Sunday rehearsals and spring break below.

### Sunday, April 2, 2017

- Youth Orchestra: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Philharmonia Orchestra: 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- Concert Orchestra: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Sinfonietta: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

### April 15, 2017 - NO REHEARSAL

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

- Youth Orchestra: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Philharmonia Orchestra: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Concert Orchestra: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
- Sinfonietta: 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

## Office Hours

WYSO has expanded its administrative office spaces. Normal business hours will find most of the staff at the new location. Please call ahead if wishing to visit WYSO at the Humanities building during business hours. *Our phone number and mailing address has not changed, (608) 263-3320.*

Supplemental offices are located at:

**2009 W. Beltline Hwy.  
Suite 202  
Madison, WI 53713**

### Office Hours at Beltline Office

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

### Office Hours at Humanities

Wednesday, Thursday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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