Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras
Rhythms e-Newsletter

January 2013

**Chamber Music Program Recitals**

WYSO's Chamber Music Program, under the leadership of Chamber Music Director Karl Lavine, will present recitals on Saturday, January 12 at 3:00pm at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community.

The recitals will feature the performances of several chamber ensembles of varying size.

These projects are supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts.

**Concerto Competition Information**

The annual Concerto Competition will be held on January 5, 2013 for Youth Orchestra members and January 19, 2013 for Philharmonia Orchestra members. Competition schedules are posted on the announcement board at rehearsals. Participants will be excused from rehearsal 20 minutes prior to their audition time in order to warm up with their accompanists and are expected to return to rehearsal following their audition.

**Be sure to bring three (3) PHOTOCOPIES of your solo part for the judges. Judges copies will not be returned.**

The Youth and Philharmonia Competition Schedules can be found online at: [Concerto Competition](#)

**Viola Explorers Workshop January 5**

On January 5, 2013, WYSO will hold workshops for anyone interested in learning more about playing viola. Presented by WYSO chamber coach and MSO violist, Diedre Buckley, we will focus on techniques specific to
playing viola, including reading alto clef. This is a great opportunity to expand your technique and learn something new!

These workshops are not required. On-going small group lessons prior to WYSO rehearsals may be available in the future based on interest.

9:00-9:55am Sinfonietta and Concert Orchestra, Rm 1351
1:00-1:55pm Youth and Philharmonia Orchestras, Mills Concert Hall

**enCORe Horn Choir: Spring Session**

WYSO is pleased to offer the return of the enCORe Horn Choir Program this spring! All horn players are encouraged to participate. Invite your non-WYSO horn-playing friends to join. EnCORe is a great introduction to WYSO's programs.

EnCORe will meet on Thursday evenings, beginning February 21st. The final concert is scheduled for May 9.


**UW-Madison Double Reed Day**

On Saturday, January 19 from 1pm-8pm, UW-Madison will host a Double Reed Day lead by Professor of Oboe Mark Fink, and Professor of Bassoon, Mark Vallon. Double reed enthusiasts of all ages are welcome to attend and the day's schedule will include a welcome recital, master classes, exhibits, dinner, a festival concert and more. Registration for the day costs $20 per participant. A registration form is available here: [http://www.music.wisc.edu/media/DoubleReedDay2013.pdf](http://www.music.wisc.edu/media/DoubleReedDay2013.pdf)

**Musical Notes Packet Pick-Up**

The Musical Notes Family Fundraising campaign continues through February 9, so please keep up the good work! This year raffle tickets are available to sell for a chance to win an **iPad Mini**! Tickets are $5/1 ticket or $20/5 tickets. The raffle will be held at the Youth Orchestra Winterfest Concert, 7pm on Saturday, March 16, 2013. Raffle information and tickets can be picked up in the main WYSO office.

All students who meet their fundraising goal of $100 by February 9 (donations received on the collection "grace day" of Feb. 16 will also count towards the total) will be entered in a drawing to win a **5th Generation iPod touch and MSO tickets** and the orchestra with the highest percentage of members who meet the $100 goal will receive a party during a rehearsal break in March.

Top fundraisers will also win other great prizes, such as a package including tickets to a Madison Symphony
Orchestra concert, a Bluephies dinner for four, and a limo ride, a $250 Amazon gift card, and shopping spree gift certificates and gift cards to Ward Brodt music mall.

All funds raised through Musical Notes go to support WYSO's programs, including rehearsals, concerts, scholarships and tours. We are all recipients of previous Musical Notes gifts!

Any questions? Please contact Nicole Sparacino at 608-263-3320 x11 or Nsparacino@wyso.music.wisc.edu.

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**Fall Concert CDs**

CDs from the Steenbock Fall Concerts will be available for pick-up in the main WYSO office. There are a limited number of extra CDs available for purchase - CDs are $15 each.

We still have several CDs from last season that need to be picked up. These are available in the WYSO main office during Saturday rehearsals or regular office hours.

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**Winter Open Rehearsal March 2**

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, WYSO will hold the season's second Open Rehearsal, an opportunity for music students, including siblings and friends of current WYSO members, to come and see what WYSO has to offer.

The event will begin at 10:00am with a meet and greet featuring breakfast snacks for guests in the Strelow Lounge of the UW Humanities building. Guests will be able to talk with WYSO staff and parents of current members, and will get a chance to tour WYSO's four orchestras in rehearsal. After the tour, guests will have an opportunity to speak with current WYSO members in a Q & A session.

Contact Nicole at 608-263-3320 x 11 for more information or to RSVP.

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**WYSO Parents: Resolve to Make Your Own Music in 2013!**

Music Classes for Adults - Spring 2013  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Division of Continuing Studies

In appreciation of your dedication to the musical development of your children, UW-Madison Continuing Studies are offering a special discount in Spring 2013 to WYSO parents who want to begin or develop your own music skills and knowledge about music. You will receive $10 off the registration fee for any music class offered this spring semester when you mention the Code **WYSO13** when you call to register. (This offer is not available for online registration.)

Our classes are all non-credit offerings, and registration is very easy! For complete descriptions just click on the class or call 263-6670 to receive a print catalog. Registration
can be completed online or by phone at 262-2451. Those who would like to take advantage of the discount must phone.

Spring 2013 music classes for adults:

**Music Skills Classes and Ensembles**
- Bluegrass Banjo for Adults: *Beginning* and *Continuing*
- Create Your Own Music (Online)
- Dulcimer (Mountain/Lap): *Beginning*
- Fiddle Styles of Southeastern United States
- Great Highland Bagpipes: Level 2
- Guitar Class for Adults: *Beginning* and *Continuing/Intermediate*
- Guitar: *Country Flatpick Style*
- Guitar: *Basic Blues*
- Irish Fiddle 2: Exploring the Tradition
- Irish Session Repertoire
- Piano for Adults: *Beginning*
- Piano off the Page: Level 2
- Recorder: *Beginning*
- Salsa: Percussion (Bilingual Spanish/English)
- String Ensemble and Skills: *Beginning* and *Continuing/Intermediate*
- Ukulele: *Beginning* and *Continuing*
- Violin para Adultos (Spanish)
- Vocal Ventures—*Levels 1 and 2*

**Music Theory and History Classes**
- Celtic Musical Traditions (Online)
- A Century of Country Music
- Great Composer Series: Rameau, Schubert, Nielsen, Ives
- Music Theory: Choose Your Own Topic (Online)

**Volunteer Update**

Parent volunteers did a fantastic job helping out with rehearsals in December. Special thanks to Carol Ray, Guosheng Wie, Susanne Blaser Imboden, Melissa Hill, Cynthie Anderson, Seunghae Park, Eunju Park, Pat Raes, Celeste Roberts, Michele McConnell, Mary Jo Fröden, Liping Zheng, Lan Shao, Kristin Davies.

Thanks to our superb music sorters who helped to put all the music from the fall concerts in order: Libby Bestul, Steve Clemons, Connie Yaeger, Nancy Hacker, Kim Wentorf and anyone else who joined in.

Many thanks to our Instrument Petting Zoo volunteers Jack Innes, Grace Whelan-Tweedt and Ewan Harlow for helping out at Kid’s in the Rotunda this past December.

WYSO Photo Team members Jon Harlow, Cheng Wei Wu, Jim Zellmer, Scott Wilson, Bruce Rheineck, Glenn Loos-Austin, Krystal Stankowski and Danielle Wakai captured some excellent moments in rehearsal last month film during rehearsals, the Taste of WYSO and the Steenbock Fall concerts.

Photos from the 2012-2013 season are available to view and order prints on the WYSO Shutterfly account at:
Bad Weather Policy

WYSO rarely cancels rehearsals due to bad weather, but should we determine there is a need to cancel Saturday rehearsals, we will notify families by email and state cancellations on the WYSO voicemail system by 7:00 a.m. If rehearsal is not cancelled but you decide the drive is too difficult or unsafe, leave a voicemail message in your orchestra's mailbox stating your plans. Alternatively, you may send an email message to wyso@wyso.music.wisc.edu prior to your rehearsal starting time, stating your plans. Absences due to bad weather will not jeopardize your WYSO membership but will be considered in your attendance tally.

WYSO January Schedule

Regular Rehearsal Times:

Youth Orchestra (YO) 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Philharmonia (Phil) 9:45am - 12:45pm  
Concert Orchestra (CO) 10:00am - 12:30pm  
Sinfonietta (Sinf) 10:30am - 1:00pm  
YO Brass Choir 8:15am - 9:00am  
Phil/CO Brass Choir 9:00am - 9:40am  
Percussion Ensemble 7:20am - 9:30am

ALL ORCHESTRAS

January

5 SAT Regular Rehearsals, Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition, Viola Explorers Workshops SO and CO 9:00am-9:55am, PO and YO 1:00pm-1:55pm

12 SAT Regular Rehearsals

19 SAT Regular Rehearsals, Philharmonia Concerto Competition

26 SAT Split Rehearsal Schedule:  
Youth Orchestra: 8:00am-11:00am  
Philharmonia Orchestra: 11:30am-2:30pm  
Concert Orchestra: 8:00am-10:30am  
Sinfonietta: 11:00am-1:30pm

BRASS CHOIRS

January  
5 SAT Regular Rehearsals

12 SAT Regular Rehearsals
19 SAT Regular Rehearsals  
26 SAT NO REHEARSALS

**PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

January  
5 SAT Regular Rehearsal  
12 SAT Regular Rehearsal  
19 SAT Regular Rehearsal  
26 SAT NO REHEARSAL

**CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLES**

January  
5 SAT No scheduled coachings; *Ensembles performing in the January 12th recital should check with their coaches*

12 SAT No scheduled coachings; 3:00pm Recital at Capital Lakes Retirement  
19 SAT No scheduled coachings  
26 SAT No scheduled coachings

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