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# Rappahannock Youth Symphony

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Monthly Newsletter

April 2010

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## A Note from Our President

By Thomas Holland, President

It was with great difficulty that we chose to cancel this year's Symphony & Tea. I have made no secret about it that this is my favorite of the standard RYS concerts and I will certainly miss it, but the extensive loss of rehearsals due to our record snowfall this winter jeopardizes the quality of the performances. The Board and Staff felt that it was just too much stress on the players to go into that performance with such limited preparation. Instead, we are moving the Silent Auction to the Spring Concert and the players will be focusing on bringing their best polished performance to that concert in May. So get the word out and let everyone know that this Spring's concert is certain to be one of the best ever!

## Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Plan for RYS is nearly complete. We will be meeting to prioritize and timeline our objectives (place and time TBD at this writing) and then the completed plan will be presented to the BoD for adoption.

## Spring Concert

May 2, 2010 at 2pm at the Fredericksburg Academy (10800 Academy Dr, Fredericksburg 22408)

Students need to arrive by 12:30pm. The Silent Auction preview starts at 1:30.

We will also have a Silent Auction with the donations of local businesses and a small reception. **Please continue to ask your favorite businesses for donations!**

Following the concert, we will have a small reception. **Please bring your favorite cookies and a 2L bottle of soda to share with the group.**

## Program Ads

If you would like to place an ad in the program, please send it to Megan before April 19th so we have time to create the program. We are offering a business card sized ad for \$25.

## Senior Bios

If you are a graduating senior, please write a short biography that includes any accomplishments, future plans, etc. It should be about a paragraph. We will print them in the concert programs so we can all celebrate your success! Please email it to Megan as a Word document ([megan.bevill@gmail.com](mailto:megan.bevill@gmail.com))

## Pictures

We will be having pictures taken at the Spring Concert. You will receive a hard copy of the order form 2 weeks before the concert. Pictures will be done by Zanetti Images.

## Rappahannock Music Camp

The Rappahannock Summer Music Camp is an instrumental performing arts camp located in Spotsylvania, Virginia. Campers range in age from 10 to 18 for the Intermediate/Advanced Division and from 8 to 11 for the Junior Division. Students will participate in a one-week session as day campers. Our staff is made up of highly talented and deeply committed musicians from across the country as well as in-state and local communities. Whether you are interested in band, orchestra, or jazz, you are sure to have an enjoyable and enriching musical experience!

**RSMC 2010 dates: Sunday, July 11 -  
Saturday, July 17, 2010**

## Schedule

April 5 – NO REHEARSAL (Spring Break)

April 12 – Rehearsal / Board Meeting

April 19 – Rehearsal

April 26 – Rehearsal

May 2 – CONCERT

May 3 – End of the year pizza party

As a reminder, the Repertory and Symphony Orchestras rehearse from 6:30-8:30pm. The Primo Orchestra rehearses from 7-8:30pm. Mrs. Weathers is available starting at 6:30pm for students who want extra rehearsal time. All students are encouraged to arrive early.

## Upcoming Community Event

**April 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – UMW Community Symphony Orchestra** - Celebrity Concert featuring Lynda Carter (the original Wonderwoman) at 7:30pm in Dodd Auditorium (on campus at UMW)

Ticket prices \$35.00 General Admission, \$25.00 Friends of the Orchestra, \$10 student with UMW ID

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) – Spotswood Community Orchestra** – Spring Concert at 7:30pm at James Monroe High School; program to benefit Hope House

**Have an upcoming musical community event? Please let us know, and we'll put it in the Newsletter!**

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## Professional Staff

Ms. Megan Bevill, Executive Director  
Mrs. Veronica Johnson, Conductor, Symphony Orchestra  
Mr. Brandon Bangle, Conductor, Repertory Orchestra  
Mrs. Ioana Weathers, Conductor, Primo Orchestra

## RYS Executive Board

Mr. Thomas Holland, President  
Mrs. Rosemary Hendley, Vice President  
Mrs. Julie McAdam, Treasurer  
Mrs. Vicky Hepperle, Secretary

## Board Members/Committees

Property Manager  
Mrs. Theresa Halliburton, Grant Writing  
Fundraising  
Historian  
Set-up/Breakdown

## Special Committees

Mrs. Michele Coffman, Chair, Painted Violin Project  
Mrs. Vicki Ashby, Chair, Symphony and Tea