
Rappahannock Youth Symphony

Monthly Newsletter

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A Note from Our President

By Thomas Holland, President

There is a proverb that says “Without a vision the people perish.” The converse to that would be “With a vision the people prosper.” While the players and staff have been dedicated to getting all this beautiful music made in spite of H1N1 and wintery weather complications, a subcommittee of the RYS Board is busy developing the RYS Strategic Plan. The plan is a document that articulates our mission, vision and goals for achieving our mission through the next five years. Progress on the strategic plan will be presented at the next board meeting and soon after that the draft plan will be released for review and comment. Having a realistic and current strategic plan is critical to our ability to direct limited resources and to grow RYS into the regionally prominent youth orchestra it was envisioned to be at its inception. The strategic plan will establish priorities for our actions and provide the sound business base we will need to solicit corporate, public, and philanthropic sponsorship to secure RYS's future. Once the RYS Strategic Plan is adopted, specific Action Plans will be formulated. This is where everyone's help is crucial. Especially in the early stages we will need eager and energetic volunteers to our plans into action. Furthermore, the RYS Strategic Plan will help ensure continuity of purpose and processes as we transition to

new board leadership for the 2010-2011 seasons and beyond.

And finally, believe it or not it is time to start planning for the 2010-2011 executive board leadership. If you are interested in the board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer please contact me; I'd be happy to tell you all about the requirements. Elections will be held at the Spring Concert event.

Symphony and Tea – March 13, 2010 at 2pm

The Symphony and Tea has been moved to March 13, 2010 at 2pm. It will be held at the Wilderness Community Church (10501 Plank Rd. Spotsylvania, VA 22553).

Volunteers are still needed to make the event a success. Please sign up today!

Please invite your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors! This is a very important fundraiser for RYS. There will also be a Silent Auction with donations from local businesses. You don't want to miss it!

Thank you to Lisa Marie Cover-Tucci for designing the artwork on the posters!

Roberson's Music – Partners in Quality

Please check your email for a very special offer from Roberson's Music. You will also find a brochure in your folder.

Purchase a quality Galiano instrument by March 1, 2010 and Roberson's Music will donate \$75.00 directly to RYS to help support this worthwhile musical organization.

“PLUS” – you can receive up to \$200.00 trade-in value for your student instrument if you wish.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Matthew Zisi who won first place in the TOOL Homeschooling Spelling Bee!

And also to Bethany Thompson and Christopher Yang who competed in the Fredericksburg Festival of the Arts Young Artist Competition.

Want to share your student's success? Please email Megan Bevill at megan.bevill@gmail.com, and we'll include it in the newsletter!

Schedule

February 1 – Rehearsal / Board Meeting

February 8 – Rehearsal

February 15 – NO REHEARSAL

February 22 – Rehearsal

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

March 6, 2010 – Rappahannock POPS Orchestra Concert (Broadway and Movie Spectacular), 8pm at the Grace Center for the Arts, \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors

March 13, 2010 – University of Mary Washington Community Symphony Orchestra (Contemporary Music Festival), 7:30pm at Dodd Auditorium on campus, Free

March 28, 2010 – Rappahannock POPS Orchestra Concert (Handel's Glorious Messiah), 7pm, Friendship Baptist Church of Fredericksburg, Free

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

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