
Rappahannock Youth Symphony

Monthly Newsletter

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A Note from Our Executive Director

By Megan Bevill, Executive Director

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season and got plenty of rest! We have a busy season ahead of us.

We begin with the open rehearsal on Monday, January 4, 2010 in hopes of recruiting new members. I want to extend a huge thank you to the students and parents who have encouraged friends and neighbors to join RYS. We have openings in every orchestra and want to fill them! If you are new to RYS, please make sure you receive all of the paperwork and information.

In March, we have our first concert – The Symphony and Tea. Volunteers are needed to make the event possible. Make sure you sign up for at least one area of need. The more people we have working the event, the smoother it will go!

We close the season with our Spring Concert on May 2, 2010. The location and time of both events will be announced as soon as possible. We know that early planning is essential since our students are involved in so many activities.

Thank you for all of your hard and for making my first year with RYS a delight! We have an amazing group of dedicated students, and the Board is working very hard to further develop the mission and vision of RYS!

Winter Concert/Painted Violin Auction

Congratulations on a successful Winter Concert! We had a multitude of positive feedback! The Painted Violin auction also went well. Here are some pictures from the concert:



Primo Orchestra



Repertory Orchestra



Symphony Orchestra



Painted Violin artists

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the concert possible!

Strategic Plan

The Board is in the process of developing a Strategic Plan for RYS. We will be reviewing our current mission and vision, analyzing our external environment, and examining the strengths and weaknesses of our organization. We will set both short and long term goals with specific actions to take. This will allow us to better serve the needs of the students and the community.

Developing a Strategic Plan takes time and hard work. If you have any input, please let us know. Send your comments to megan.bevill@gmail.com. Our goal is to have it completed by March 1, 2010.

Symphony and Tea – March 6, 2010 at 2pm

The Symphony and Tea is a special concert, where guests enjoy decadent hor d'oeuvres, desserts, and tea while listening to the beautiful music provided by our different orchestras. There will also be a Silent Auction with gift baskets and other special items. This is a very important fundraiser for RYS, and it's also a lot of fun! We need EVERY family to be involved. Please see the handout in your student's folder and sign up quickly!

For more information, please contact Vicky Ashby at ashbycv1@aol.com or Megan Bevill at megan.bevill@gmail.com.

New Members

RYS extends a warm welcome to those who are newly joining us. Please make sure you have all of the information you need to get started:

- Registration form
- Handbook for 2009-10
- Parent volunteer form
- Donation/Sponsorship form

- Advertisement form
- Concert Attire information
- Calendar

Be sure to sign the attendance sheet and check your folder before each rehearsal for any information and additional paperwork. This goes for returning members, too! Please do this at EVERY rehearsal.

Let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns. We're happy to help in any way!

Schedule

January 4 – First rehearsal of the year! **OPEN REHEARSAL** / Board Meeting

January 11 – Rehearsal

January 18 and 25 – NO REHEARSAL

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. Whethers is available starting at 6:30pm for students who want extra rehearsal time. All students are encouraged to arrive early.

Upcoming Community Event

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

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