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# Rappahannock Youth Symphony

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Monthly Newsletter

March 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!

## Symphony and Tea

THE SYMPHONY AND TEA IS CANCELLED.

## Spring Concert

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

We will also have a Silent Auction with the donations of local businesses and a small reception.

## Scholarships and Awards

RYS offers two types of scholarships and awards, the *Senior Scholarship* and the *Tuition Award*.

**Senior Scholarship:** Two \$500 RYS Scholarships are offered annually to students who meet the criteria set forth below. The Scholarship / Awards Committee will meet following the deadline for submission and winners will be announced at the final concert on May 2, 2010.

To apply for an RYS Senior Scholarship the applicant must be a RYS member in good standing and a graduating Senior. The member should have plans to attend a college in the fall of the following year, and he/she must write a 750- 1000 word essay to be submitted to the Scholarship Review Committee and postmarked no later than April 1, 2010. Attendance and tardy record as well as attitude and contribution to RYS will be considered.

**Topic: What is the difference between music and noise? How has this distinction changed over time?**

**Tuition Award:** RYS also gives a year of RYS tuition to a member in good standing. The member must write a 100-200 word essay, to be submitted to the Scholarship Review Committee and postmarked no later than April 1, 2010. The Scholarship / Awards Committee will meet following the deadline for submission and winners will be announced at the final concert on May 2, 2010.

Attendance and tardy record as well as attitude and contribution to RYS will be considered.

**Topic: Why is classical music still popular?**

*Recipients for each scholarship and award are chosen based on musicianship, dedication to the RYS, and the required essay. The RYS scholarship committee will review the criteria and make recommendations to the RYS Board for selection. The winners will be announced at the Spring Concert on May 2, 2010.*

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS**

**APRIL 1, 2010**

## Executive Board Elections

The RYS By-laws requires yearly election of the Executive Board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, please send an email with your interest and any questions about requirements to [thomas.holland@rysymphony.org](mailto:thomas.holland@rysymphony.org). Elections will be held at the Spring Concert event.

## Outreach

Thank you to Alison Askew, Bethany Thompson, Monica Ashby, and Kendra Hendley for representing RYS at the Fredericksburg Area Service League's Member Guest Auction and Basket Benefit. The organization raises money for underprivileged children in the Fredericksburg area. For more information visit their website: [www.faserviceleague.com](http://www.faserviceleague.com).

## Schedule

March 1 – Rehearsal / Board Meeting

March 8 – Rehearsal

March 15 – Rehearsal

March 22 – Rehearsal

March 29 – Rehearsal

April 5 – NO REHEARSAL (Spring Break)

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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## 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