



TO: Albuquerque Youth Orchestra Parents and Students

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Congratulations and welcome to what we hope will be a FANTASTIC year as members of the Albuquerque Youth Orchestra. The first order of business is to prepare for camp and our first concert. We were very impressed with the quality of the auditions and look forward to some great performances. **This may be the only mailing you will receive this summer so it is important that you mark dates on your calendar and read the enclosed information carefully.** Updates during the season will be sent by e-mail so please send an address confirmation e-mail (along with your name) to ays@aysmusic.org so we can compile an accurate e-mail list.

Hummingbird Camp for AYO

For the 32nd year this summer, our music camp will be held at the Hummingbird Music Camp in Jemez Springs, New Mexico on July 26 – July 29, 2009. The camps have been tremendously successful in upholding the musical standards of the groups as well as providing the opportunity to make new acquaintances and improve individual musical abilities. **On July 26, we invite the AYO students and their families to bring a picnic lunch to Hummingbird Music Camp at 1:00 p.m. We will have an AYO orientation meeting at 2:00 p.m. The parents can leave the students at 2:30 p.m. to settle in and prepare for the first rehearsal.** Attendance at camp is required. If you are not able to attend the camp, you must call Ms. Siverson at 898-9289 and ask to be excused.

During camp every student may be heard individually in order to monitor each member's preparation. Students excused from camp must call Ms. Siverson at 898-9289 and arrange to be heard prior to the first AYO Monday evening rehearsal on August 10. Every member must have the music thoroughly prepared during the summer. What this means is that you bring to camp the music prepared up to tempo with right notes, correct rhythms, key signatures, clef and transposition changes, where applicable, and attention to all editings such as bowings, articulations and dynamics.

In order to make definite plans for camp, we will need a commitment by receiving the "Permission to Participate" form and tuition deposit from each student by **July 10, 2009** (If you are applying for financial aid, the deadline is also **July 10, 2009**). Please note that the first regular AYO rehearsal will be on Monday, August 10. Schedules and related information are enclosed in this mailing. If you have any questions, problems, etc. please call the AYS office at **875-1319**.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA CAMP/GENERAL INFORMATION

1. You must pick up your folder of music we will be playing on the first concert at Robertson & Sons Violin Shop (3201 Carlisle NE) between July 7 and July 11. It is your responsibility to come to camp with your part well prepared.
2. Wednesday, July 29 - You will be provided bus transportation back to Albuquerque after the noon meal. The bus will arrive between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the southwest parking lot of Sandia High School (7801 Candelaria Boulevard NE).
3. The following students will appear on informal solo recitals during camp:
Juliusz Dokladny, Tom Lauer, Kevin Liou, Katie Tipton, Thomas Chavez, Nick Handley, Alex Rubin, Mario Bastea-Forte, Keila Gutierrez, Brianna Reed, Kenneth Weil, Kristopher Legits, Julie Stuart, Deeanna Dimmick, Christian Gomez, Eric Gillespie, Marc Cogan, Harry Simmons, Marshall Taylor, and Emma Schaefer. **The AYS Program will provide an accompanist for the recitals. Please bring your accompaniment part to the AYS Program office no later than July 15.**
4. Be sure to take these supplies to Hummingbird Camp: Sleeping bag and pillow, soap, shampoo and wash cloth, light jacket

or sweater, flashlight, extra strings and rosin, reeds and valve oil (as applicable). **REMEMBER** to bring a folding stand and pencil to camp! For more information, please check the Hummingbird website at www.hummingbirdmusiccamp.org.

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Behavior Expectations for all AYS Program Students

Reasonable standards of behavior and dress are expected while rehearsing, performing, or participating in any event or activity associated with the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program.

1. Demonstrate appropriate, respectful behavior toward AYS Program staff, fellow students and at all performance and rehearsal venues.
2. Listen to instruction from your conductor. Do not talk while your conductor is on the podium. **All electronic devices, including cell phones, MUST be turned off and put away during rehearsals and concerts. Absolutely no texting allowed during rehearsals or concerts.**
3. Use facilities properly, remaining only in the areas assigned to your orchestra (i.e., please do not wander the halls), keeping the buildings clean and displaying mature, appropriate behavior at all times.
4. All forms of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances are strictly forbidden at all AYS Program events and activities.

Eligibility

All students accepted into the AYS Program must make sure they meet the eligibility requirements. The AYS Program is an enhancement to, and not a substitute for, existing school music programs, each of which has independent rules and policies. AYS Program will coordinate activities with school programs as appropriate, but will neither interfere with, nor participate in establishing the rules or policies of, any school music program. Dismissal from any public or independent school will be viewed as a failure to participate in school band or orchestra and will result in dismissal from the AYS Program.

Students must be enrolled as regular members of their school band or orchestra, if offered. Students accepted into the program on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, string bass and harp) must be enrolled in their school orchestra. Students who are accepted into the program on a wind, brass or percussion instrument must be enrolled in their school band. Home School students who also elect to attend a public school are subject to the same AYS Program membership requirements as public school students. High school students may not participate in the AYS Program for more than four years, or after their 19th birthday, whichever comes first.

A list of students will be sent to all school music directors, orchestra directors and band directors verifying appropriate participation according to AYS Program policy in your school instrumental music program. If your school has no instrumental program, the school principal must sign this sheet, indicating that no instrumental program is offered.

All students must meet the grade point requirements for extracurricular eligibility. If you have just graduated from the 8th grade, you may not be aware that at the end of this year you must have at least a 2.0 grade point and cannot have failed two (2) classes. Other AYS Program policies and requirements are outlined in our handbook, which is available on our website at www.aysmusic.org.

If you have any questions about our eligibility requirements, please call the office before camp at 875-1319.

DRESS REHEARSAL & CONCERT DATES FOR 2008 – 2009

Please mark these dates on your calendar!

September 21, 2009 – 6:30 – 9:15 p.m. – Dress Rehearsal, location TBA

September 22, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – Concert, location TBA

January 15-18, 2010 – AYO Tour, location TBA

February 1, 2010 - 6:30 – 9:15 p.m. – Dress Rehearsal, location TBA

February 2, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. – Concert, location TBA

February 6, 2010 (Saturday) – TBA, in afternoon – Playathon Concert at Cottonwood Mall

April 10, 2010 – 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. – Dress rehearsal at Popejoy Hall

April 11, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – Concert at Popejoy Hall

ACT/SAT CONFLICTS - ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Please check your schedule prior to signing up for your SAT OR ACT on rehearsal or concert dates. **NOTE THE CONFLICTS – DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE THE TEST ON AYO REHEARSAL OR CONCERT DAYS!**

The ACT dates in 2009 - 2010 are: Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Dec. 12, Feb. 6 (Playathon – do not take test on this day!), April 10 (Dress rehearsal – do not take test on this day!), and June 12.

The SAT dates in 2009-2010 are: Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 23, March 13, May 1 and June 5

QUESTIONS?

Please call the AYS Program office at 875-1319 or send us an email at ays@aysmusic.org.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!