



# Music Notes

**HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
**Sunday, December 2, 2012**  
*Pantages Playhouse Theatre*

## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

11:45 to 12:25 ..... Stage Rehearsal Youth Symphony  
 12:40 to 1:10 ..... Stage Rehearsal Youth Concert  
 1:20 to 1:50 ..... Stage Rehearsal Youth Strings

Musicians are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their rehearsal time and be ready to go on stage at the above-listed times.

**Please note:** Parents and family members are not allowed back stage with the musicians during the rehearsal times nor in the lobby before the doors open to the public.

**1:30 Lobby Doors open to public**  
 (access to theatre at 2:00pm)

**2:30 Concert begins**

## CONCERT SCHEDULE

2:30 - 2:35 ..... Welcoming Remarks  
 2:35 - 3:05 ..... Youth Strings perform  
 3:15 - 3:45 ..... Youth Concert performs  
 3:55 - 4:25 ..... Youth Symphony performs  
 4:25 - 4:30 ..... Closing Remarks



**WYO**  
 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**President, Dr. George Orriss**

*I would like to take this opportunity* to extend a warm welcome to all WYO members at the start of our 90th anniversary season. We've an exciting program planned in the coming year and each orchestra group will have an opportunity to participate in additional activities which we hope they will find enjoyable. Already, the Youth Symphony group has had their Masterclass with The New Orford Quartet and The Youth Strings and Youth Concert groups will be having their first Masterclasses of the season shortly. **With our first concert of the year just 4 weeks away now, don't forget to order your tickets for the Holiday Concert at The Pantages Playhouse on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> (and get the Holiday season off to a great start).**

**The Youth Strings had a fantastic weekend at Camp Assiniboia** in at the end of September, with all members working really hard to master the musical selection for this term as well as having lots of fun activities to keep them occupied all in the lovely surroundings of Camp Assiniboia. I would like to thank all the parent volunteers and the conductor Karin Klassen who freely gave their time and made it another memorable weekend.

**It was heartening to see a number of parents at our Annual General Meeting** which was held at Gordon Bell High School on September 29<sup>th</sup>. A lively discussion followed and we were able to recruit three new members to the WYO Board, I would therefore like to welcome Ingrid Forzeley (Vice-President), Ala Rekrut (Scholarship Competition) and Robert Guerts (Member at Large) to the WYO Board. However, we are still in urgent need of a Treasurer for the current season so if there is a willing parent out there, we'd love to hear from you.

As we approach the season of goodwill I would to remind people that the **WYO is a registered charity and that any donations received would be greatly appreciated. Receipts will be issued for all donations over \$10).**

So all that remains for me to do is to wish everyone a successful year and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the course of the season.

*George Orriss*



**CAMP ASSINIBOIA**  
 September 2012





## YOUTH STRINGS REPORT

**Conductor, Karin Klassen**



**Youth Strings is off to a great start.**

We have 44 students in our orchestra this year. The group is made up of 31 girls and 13 boys.

Thirty of the students are returning players and fourteen players are new to the orchestra. The orchestra is comprised of 38 violinists and six cellists.

**This year's repertoire ranges from easily manageable to quite difficult.** It covers a variety of time periods and presents unique stylistic challenges for the players. The students are keen, enthusiastic and committed to learning the given repertoire. It is a real pleasure to see and hear how far the group has progressed in just such a short period of time together as a string orchestra!

**Our weekend retreat at Camp Assiniboia** on September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> again proved to be a most successful camp experience. The camp has great facilities, accommodating our need for intensive sectional and full group rehearsals as well as providing fun recreational activities for the students. The weather was mostly cooperative for our entire stay! Horseback-riding, high rope climbing and team-building activities were a highlight! We had an evening bonfire and movie night to complete the first day. It is good to have an extended time where we can learn to know each other better as well as learn the notes! Already at the evening group rehearsal it was evident that the four clinicians had really covered an enormous amount of material in the sectionals, resulting in a better orchestra sound and more solid rhythm! Special thanks must therefore be extended to clinicians Louise Faurschou, Laurel Howard and Marion Williams who helped out with the violins and Jonathan Bauch who spent the day with the cello section! Over the two days I really appreciated the ten parent volunteers who helped out in so many ways at camp – George Orriss, Wes Dueck, Henryk Berezowski, Al & Kim Palmer, Barb Sousa, Linda Loewen, Gina Wedel, Joanne Isfeld, and Anna Schwartz. We were happy that some parents also joined us for our Sunday wagon rides.



### Highlights of this term thus far:

**PICTURE DAY** was on October 20, with pictures ready in time for Christmas gifts! We would like to thank Mr. Frank Yong for his faithful service to our group as our resident photographer for many years, and wish him continued success as he resettles in Vancouver, B.C.

**A WONDERFUL HALLOWEEN MORNING** was enjoyed by all on October 27. The morning was complete with costumes, fun, food, prizes, and a little practicing!

**CONTINUED HARD WORK** by clinicians & students alike was evidenced at our second sectional of the term on November 3.

**DELICIOUS TREATS** are available weekly for everyone at our Snack Shop, run by a wonderful team of parent liaison volunteers. Thanks are extended to Linda Loewen, Kathy Asseiro, Simone Karrasch and Bonnie Yee for all your help!

**AN EXCITING ORCHESTRA MASTERCLASS** is being planned for the morning of November 17 with guest conductor Earl Stafford, former RVB conductor.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO INCLUDE IN YOUR FAMILY CALENDARS:

**Saturday, December 1st**

**Lions Place Concert**

**610 Portage Avenue at 1:30pm**

- Parents, please pick up your children at 2:30 p.m. directly from Lions Place (Circular drive-through).
- Family and friends are welcome to come enjoy the concert
- Morning schedule is still to be arranged details will be forthcoming in an email.
- Remember to bring your music stands, music and instrument

**Sunday, December 2nd**

**WYO Holiday Concert**

**Pantages Playhouse Theatre • 180 Market St. E.**

- Youth Strings dress rehearsal is from 1:20 p.m.-1:50 p.m.
- Everyone required to be there **AT LEAST by 12:50 pm for tuning**
- **Enter via the Stage Door entrance.**
- **Music stands will be provided in Pantages Theatre.**
- **Concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Youth Strings perform first** on the program. Everyone is encouraged to stay and listen to the entire concert.

#### **CONCERT DRESS REMINDER**

for all performances on Dec. 1 and 2:

**WHITE tops & BLACK bottoms with dress shoes**

**Have a great Christmas vacation and God bless.**

Don't forget to come back on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, for the first orchestra rehearsal in the New Year at Gordon Bell!

*Karin Klassen*





## YOUTH SYMPHONY REPORT

**Conductor, Dan Scholz**

We have a great orchestra again full of wonderful musicians this year and a lot of interesting repertoire. I hope to see you at some of the following concerts for the YSO this season.

### Concerts:

**1. Holiday Concert:** December 2nd @ 2:30 pm at Pantages Theatre. Dress rehearsal is **11:30-12:00**.

**2. Fairy Tale Fantasia Concert:** Concert is on Sunday, January 6th, 2013 @ 2:00 pm, Centennial Concert Hall. Dress rehearsal is also Sunday from 10:30 am-1:00 pm at the CCH.

There will be an additional rehearsal for this concert on Saturday, January 5th at the CCH from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

We will also be rehearsing Monday, December 17th at our regular time & location for this program. This is an additional rehearsal.

**3. Rising Stars with the WSO:** Concert is Tuesday, February 26th, 2013 @ 7:30 pm, CCH.

Rehearsals are as follows: Monday, February 25 7:00-9:30 and dress rehearsal Tuesday, February 26th 10:00 am-12:30 pm.

These rehearsals are mandatory. If you are unable to attend then you may not perform in the concert with the WSO.

**Millenium Library Skywalk Concerts:** Thursday, January 17 and February 14, 2013 @ 12:00 pm. These two concerts will feature members of the YSO and some recent alumni in solo performances. Please contact Dan or Heather Jonasson [hjonasson@live.ca](mailto:hjonasson@live.ca) for more information. It's a great way to conquer your pre-festival jitters!

**Sectionals:** We have had two great sectionals with WSO Principal Musicians. Our thanks to Karl Stobbe, Jane Radomski, Simon MacDonald, Elise Lavalle, Cristian Markos, Micah Heilbrunn, Paul Jeffrey, and Jeremy Epp.

**Masterclasses:** We were very fortunate to engage the members of the New Orford String Quartet in masterclasses on October 11. The quartet is made up of Jonathan Crow, Concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony, Andrew Wan, Concertmaster of the Montreal Symphony, Eric Nowlin, Associate Principal Viola of the Toronto Symphony and Brian Manker, Principal Cello of the Montreal Symphony.

I know that our members enjoyed working with these great musicians and teachers and I'm hopeful that we can continue to offer such outstanding opportunities for all of our students.

**Pizza Party** will take place on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 for the second half of our rehearsal.

**Attendance:** Please make every effort to attend all rehearsals for the duration. We have a lot of repertoire to cover and you are all integral to our success as an orchestral ensemble.

*Dan Scholz*

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## YOUTH CONCERT REPORT

**Conductor, Andrea Bell**

**Membership:** I am very pleased with our orchestra layout this year, and we have a fantastic group of students! Rehearsals have been going very well.

**Sectionals** with WSO musicians went very well on September 29 & October 20.

**WYO students and families to attend the WSO concert on Nov.3:** Over 50 people will attend the WSO concert "Iggudesman & Joo" on Nov. 3. It should be a fantastic and fun concert. I will hand out the tickets at the WYCO rehearsal Nov 3. WYCO members will receive their tickets at rehearsal on Oct.29.

**WYCO masterclass: Nov 24, 11:15-12:30 at Kelvin.**

This is an exciting new opportunity for WYCO students. We will be having a masterclass with Gwen Hoebig (WSO concertmaster), Cristian Markos (WSO assistant principal cello), Bede Hanley (WSO principal oboe) and brass (tba). Students can sign up by emailing me asap. Students are welcome to perform their solo repertoire (piano accompaniment not required).

**Holiday Concert December 2, Pantages Playhouse:**

Dress is all black. See attached concert details.

**Repertoire for the December concert:**

Asturias - Albeniz

Pomp & Circumstance #1 - Elgar

Symphony #1, mvt.4 - Mahler

Symphony #5, Finale - Tchaikovsky

**Pizza party & rehearsal of new music December 8:**

Pizza delivered to our rehearsal at 11am. Nice opportunity for the students to socialize. Please plan on staying 'til 11:30 am.

**WSO's Musicians in the Making:**

**Feb 22 & 23, 2013.** Please let me know if you are interested in performing a solo or in a small group before the concert. You will receive 2 free tickets to the WSO concert that follows.

**WYCO Winnipeg Tour Wednesday, April 3.**

Students will miss the full day of school. We will perform at 2-3 schools and go out for lunch at the Forks. We will rent a bus to drive us around for the day. The tour is a fantastic way to fine tune our performance for our Sounds of Spring concerts. I also think it is a fabulous opportunity to show off the talents of our students to other students around the city of Winnipeg.

**Sounds of Spring Concert: Friday April 5.**

Please note that there is a concert in the morning and in the evening. Participation in the morning concert is mandatory as we will be performing for a full house at the concert hall. Be sure to get organized with your teachers well in advance.

**Attendance:** Students are reminded to let me know by email if you will be absent. Students who miss more than 3 rehearsals may be asked to not perform at the concert.

*Andrea Bell*

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## Our Mission

The Winnipeg Youth Orchestras Inc. is dedicated to promoting and maintaining the youth orchestra movement in Manitoba, and providing young orchestra players with the opportunity to come together in an atmosphere of friendship and good fellowship to experience and participate in orchestra playing of the highest order.



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