



Music Notes



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 the new season.

It has been a busy time for our students as they settle into the rhythm of weekly rehearsals and get to grips with the musical selections each of the three conductors have chosen for them. I look forward to hearing them at **our first concert of the year which will be held at The Pantages Playhouse on Sunday December 4th.**

The Youth Strings had a fantastic weekend at Camp Assiniboia in mid-September, getting to know each other and having the opportunity to interact with and benefit from the experience of the clinicians. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who freely gave their time, in particular Tom Kyman who prepared a card for each of the students which featured a number of photographs taken over the course of the weekend.

It was heartening to see so many families at our Annual General Meeting which was held at Gordon Bell High School on September 24th. A lively discussion followed and we were able to recruit three new members to the WYO Board, which just leaves the position of Vice-President vacant. I would therefore like to formally welcome Wes Dueck (Publicity), Kim Palmer (Newsletter) and Linda Loewen (Member at Large) to the WYO Board. At the same time, I would like to thank Joanne Roer for her efforts as acting-President last season.

REMINDERS HOLIDAY CONCERT Sunday, December 4, 2011

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

12:10 - 12:40	Stage Rehearsal Youth Symphony
12:50 - 1:20	Stage Rehearsal Youth Concert
1:30 - 2:00	Stage Rehearsal Youth Strings
2:00	Doors open to public
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



There will be no food served after the Holiday Concert.

FIRST REHEARSAL IN JANUARY 2012:

Youth Strings:	January 14
Youth Concert:	January 14
Youth Symphony:	January 9

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 2011



YOUTH STRINGS REPORT

Conductor, Karin Klassen

*Y*outh Strings is off to a great start. We have 53 students in our orchestra this year. The group is made up of 38 girls and 15 boys. Twenty-eight of the students are returning players and twenty-five players are new to the orchestra. Our members range in age from 7 to 15 years, and are between Grades 3 and 11 in school. The orchestra is comprised of 46 violinists, one violist, five cellists and one bass player who doubles also as a violinist.

“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!”

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, albeit a stretch for them at times. 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! We will perform some of the selections at a seniors’ concert at Lions Manor on Saturday, December 3rd and then again on Sunday, December 4th at the Holiday concert. Most significant for us this year is the working through of a challenging and lengthy piece commissioned specifically for our orchestra. We hope to perform the world premiere of King Arthur’s Chronicles by American composer, James Thornton, at the Sounds of Spring concert next April.

Our weekend retreat at Camp Assiniboia on September 17th & 18th 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 exceptionally warm for our entire stay! Horseback-riding, archery 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 Faurshou, Kristjanna Oleson 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. We were happy that some parents also joined us for our Sunday wagon rides.

IMPORTANT DATES TO INCLUDE IN YOUR FAMILY CALENDARS:



Saturday, December 3rd

No regular rehearsal at Gordon Bell, **BUT STUDENTS WILL PERFORM A CONCERT at Lions Manor at 10:30 a.m.**

- Students will need to arrive at Lions Manor on 320 Sherbrook Street (Circular drive-through) **NO LATER THAN 9:45a.m.** **Students should remember to bring music stands.**
- We will have lunch together after the concert.
- Parents, **please pick up your children at 12:30 p.m.** directly from Lions Manor (Circular drive-through)
- Family and friends are welcome to come & hear the concert

Sunday, December 4th

WINNIPEG YOUTH ORCHESTRAS CONCERT will be held in Pantages Playhouse Theatre, 180 Market St. E.



- Youth Strings dress rehearsal is from 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Everyone is required to be there **AT LEAST by 12:45 p.m. 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. Refreshments will be served thereafter.

CONCERT DRESS REMINDER

for all performances:

white tops and black bottoms with dress shoes.

Have a great Christmas vacation and God bless.

Don't forget to come back on January 14th, 2012, for the first orchestra rehearsal in the New Year at Gordon Bell!



Karin Klassen

Highlights of this term thus far:

- Picture Day was on October 22, with pictures ready in time for Christmas gifts!
- Continued hard work by clinicians and students alike was evidenced at our second sectional of the term on November 5.
- 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, Bonnie Yee and Tannis Nadurak for all your help!





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!

REPERTOIRE FOR DECEMBER CONCERT:

Music will be chosen from the following:

- Pavane - Ravel
- Procession of the Sardar - Ippolitov-Ivanov
- Hungarian Rhapsody #2 - Liszt
- Symphony #2, 3rd mvt - Brahms
- Barber of Seville Overture - Rossini
- Toccatà - Frescobaldi
- Lord of the Rings - Shore



WSO's Musicians in the Making: Our date is Feb 25, 2012. Please let me know if you are interested in performing a solo or in a small group before the concert. You then receive 2 free tickets to the WSO concert that follows.

Pizza Party: Sat Nov 19. We will have pizza delivered to our rehearsal at 11am. This is a nice opportunity for the students to socialize. Please plan on staying until 11:30 am that day.

Sectionals with WSO musicians on October 22 & 29. Please be sure you arrive early to set up in your different rooms at Kelvin. It is also a good idea to bring your own stand on those dates. Oct 22 clinicians are: Rodica Filipoi (WSO violin), Chris Anstey (WSO violin), Dan Scholz (WSO principal viola), Emma Quackenbush (WSO cello), Layla Roberts (flute teacher Brandon U), Paul Jeffrey (WSO trumpet), Jeremy Epp (WSO timpanist). Oct 29 will be: Gwen Hoebig (WSO concertmaster), Simon MacDonald (WSO violin), Micah Heilbrunn (WSO principal clarinet), Patty Evans (WSO principal horn).

Holiday Concert Details:

Dress is all black. See attached concert details.

WYCO Winnipeg Tour: the tentative date I have set is Thursday April 5. Please let me know ASAP if you know this date will not work, as I may change the date if too many students are away. Students will miss the full day of school. We will perform at 3 schools and go out for lunch. 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 on April 10 (in the morning and evening). I also think it is a fabulous opportunity to show off the talents of our students to other students around the city of Winnipeg.

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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YOUTH SYMPHONY REPORT

Conductor, Dan Scholz

Membership: We have a great ensemble of young musicians. It is a very well balanced and extremely hard working orchestra. We could always use more bassists and violists!

Sectionals: We continue to maintain a vibrant relationship with the Principal Musicians of the WSO. Gwen Hoebig, Bede Hanley, Steve Dyer, Jeremy Epp and Desiree Abbey have been leading sectionals this year.

Mr. Rennie Regehr, University of Ottawa, and Mr. Ross Brownlee, Westgate Mennonite Collegiate, will be leading the YSO as our guest clinicians this fall.

Social: Members of the YSO organized an afternoon at the Corn Maze and fire pits. It was a great way to get the season started and for new friendships to begin. We will also be having a pizza party following the Holiday Concert. Keep listening for details to the YSO dessert party in the next term!

Repertoire:

- Overture to Die Meistersinger - Wagner
- Hoedown - Copland
- Selections from The Nutcracker - Tchaikovsky
- Concerto No. 7 for Flute and Strings - Devienne, Jaena Kim, flute



Concert Dress:

"Sunday Best" for both men and women. Colours are great. Please no jeans, t-shirts, runners or white socks.

Please see Rehearsal Schedule on FRONT PAGE of this newsletter.

Dan Scholz

Winnipeg Youth Orchestras

2011 - 2012 SEASON



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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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