

September 13, 2017

WELCOME EVERYONE!

We are looking forward to a wonderful season! Make sure you have a copy of the 2017-2018 PYS Handbook. Sign the form stating you have read the handbook and return it to your orchestra committee. Keep the handbook in a safe place so you have access to the schedule, phone numbers and other important information.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA & BAND POLICY

PYS members are expected to be members, in good standing, of their school's instrumental program. Exceptions must be submitted with the written approval of the instrumental director and/or the principal or school counselor. All written exceptions will be reviewed for approval.

CONCERT ATTIRE ORDER DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 13

All Attire information is on our website under the ensemble pages. Check with your ensemble chairman if you need assistance.

CORPORATE MATCH PROGRAMS & THE UNITED WAY

Many companies participate in a corporate matching program. You select the non-profit organization and your company will match your donations. Companies also encourage employees to participate in the United Way campaign. You can designate that your contribution be sent to PYS.

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Contact Dick Gardner, PYS Treasurer, for any questions: rgardneraz@gmail.com.



PRESCOTT RETREATS

Symphonic Winds & Youth Symphony: Great job! The retreats were a blast! Sectionals really paid off. The concerts were impressive.

A big thank you to our volunteers for the helping hands at both retreats: **Dr. Richard Burton; Nurse, Diane Wren; Brenda Lambertus; Kathy Ratliff; Kasumi Kubota; Jeremiah Popelier; Andrew Kohtz; Akiko Ellis; Connie Wu; Craig Anderson; John Zhang; Kevin Uliassi; Tamme Giesse; Lori Potter; Michael Potter; Aimee Lively; and Diane Duhlstine.** Thank you to **Curt Leaf** for driving the equipment truck and logistical support, as well as our new orchestra manager, Todd Betz.

UP COMING RETREATS

String Orchestra: September 16-17 at Camp Sky-Y. Check in by 10am on Saturday morning. Mini-concert is at 2:30pm. Depart no later than 3:15pm.

Symphonette: September 29 – October 1st, Sky-Y. Strings check in on Friday at 6:00-6:30pm. No dinner will be served on Friday. Brass and woodwinds check in on Saturday between 9am and 10am. Mini-concert is Sunday at 1:15pm. Depart no later than 2:30pm.

Retreats are an important part of the Orchestral Training Program. Retreats include seating auditions, sectionals, several rehearsals and opportunities to get to know your conductor and other ensemble members. You are expected to be at your ensemble's retreat.

Forms and retreat information are available on the website. Log in to your ensembles page on the Musician's Corner page.

MONTHLY TUITION PAYMENTS

If you opted for the payment plan, your monthly payments are due by the last day of each month. The amounts are listed below:

String Orchestra - \$40
Symphonic Winds - \$40
Symphonette - \$45
Youth Symphony - \$50

YOUNG MUSICIANS COMPETITION

Dates: January 6-7, 2018

Location: Mesa Community College

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Late deadline: November 8, with \$25 late fee

The winning students in each senior category will compete for scholarships to renowned music camps nationwide. The Grand Prize Winner and Clotilde Otranto Prize Winner (highest PYS Orchestral Training member score) will perform their concertos accompanied by The Phoenix Symphony at the annual Side-by-Side Concert on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at Symphony Hall. Contact Sandy Rutledge with any questions at sandy.pys@cox.net.

PYS WEBSITE

Check the website frequently for schedules and updates. Absence forms are also available online:

www.phoenixyouthsymphony.org

PARKING AT REHEARSALS

Please pull in off Central and please do not stop while heading east. Please pull all the way through and turn around. Only drop off with your car heading west. Park ONLY in one of the lots, on the South Side along the building, that is for pull-in and pick-up only. **Keep the traffic moving!**

Check out the back page for the Phoenix Symphony's Classics concerts PYS students wearing a PYS polo shirt are invited to for free admission.

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Stravinsky Rite of Spring

Tito Muñoz, **conductor**
Alexander Laing, **clarinet**
Philippe Quint, **violin**
Bernstein: Prelude, Fugue and Riffs
Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto
Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring
Fri 9/15/17 7:30 PM
Sat 9/16/17 7:30 PM

Dvorák Seventh Symphony

Matthew Kasper, **conductor**
Stanislav Khristenko, **piano**
Messiaen: Les Offrandes Oubliées (The Forgotten Offerings)
Grieg: Piano Concerto
Dvorák: Symphony No. 7
SAT 9/30/17 7:30PM
SUN 10/1/17 2:00PM

Mozart and Sibelius

Tito Muñoz, *conductor*
Karen Sinclair, *violin*
Mark Deatherage, *viola*
Tina Tallon: Sear
Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major
Sibelius: Symphony No. 1
FRI 11/2/17 11:00AM
SAT 11/3/17 7:30PM
SUN 11/4/17 7:30PM

Beethoven Fourth Symphony

Tito Muñoz, **conductor**
Sergio Tiempo, **piano**
Beethoven: Symphony No. 4
Ginastera: Piano Concerto No. 1
Ravel: La Valse
FRI 11/10/17 7:30PM
SAT 11/11/17 7:30PM
SUN 11/12/17 7:30PM

Brahms First Symphony

Tito Muñoz, *conductor*
Jennifer Johnson Cano, *mezzo Soprano*
Mahler: Adagio from Symphony No. 10
Bernstein: Symphony No. 1, "Jeremiah"
Brahms: Symphony No. 1
FRI 1/12/18 11:30AM
FRI 1/12/18 7:30PM
SAT 1/13/17 7:30PM

Sibelius and Debussy

Karina Canellakis, *Conductor*
Stewart Goodyear, *piano*
Britten: Four Sea Interludes
From Peter Grimes
Saint-Saens: Piano Concerto No. 5 "Egyptian"
Sibelius: The Oceaides
Debussy: La Mer
FRI 1/26/18 7:30PM
Sat 1/27/18 7:30PM
SUN 1/28/18 2:00PM

Beethoven and Mozart

Tito Muñoz, *conductor*
Denis Kozhukhin, *piano*
Mozart: Symphony No. 35, "Haffner"
Arnold Schoenberg: Verklärte Nacht (Transfigured Night)
Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor"
FRI 2/9/18 7:30PM
SAT 2/10/18 7:30PM
SUN 2/11/18 2:00PM

Brahms and Schumann

Tito Muñoz, *conductor*
Friederike Starkloff, *violin*
Webern: Passacaglia
Schumann: Symphony No. 4
Brahms: Violin Concerto
Fri 2/23/18 11:00AM
Fri 2/23/18 7:30PM
Sat 2/24/18 7:30PM

Tchaikovsky Fifth Symphony

Tito Muñoz, *conductor*
Steven Moeckel, *violin*
Kenneth Fuchs: New Work (world premiere)
Korngold: Violin Concerto
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5
Fri 3/16/18 11:00AM
Fri 3/16/18 7:30PM
Sat 3/17/18 7:30PM
Elgar Cello Concerto
Tito Muñoz, *conductor*
István Várdai, *cello*
Nina Young: Agnosco Veteris
Elgar: Cello Concerto
Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3, "Scottish"
FRI 4/13/18 11:00AM
FRI 4/13/18 7:30PM
SAT 4/14/18 7:30PM

Mozart Piano Concerto No. 22

Jeffrey Kahane, *conductor and piano*
Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 22
Dvorák: Nocturne in B major
Bartók: Concerto for Orchestra
FRI 4/27/18 7:30PM
SAT 4/28/17 7:30PM
SUN 4/29/17 2:00PM

Schubert and Brahms

Tito Muñoz, *conductor*
Maria Valdes, *soprano*
Rod Gilfry, *baritone*
The Phoenix Symphony Chorus
Schubert: Symphony No.8, "Unfinished"
Brahms: Ein deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem)
FRI 5/11/18 7:30PM
SAT 5/12/18 7:30PM