

## Notes from BYSO Parent Meeting, Sunday, September 25, 2016

### Mr. Barry Peters, senior orchestra conductor

- Welcome to all members, both returning and new. BYSO is happy you are here!
- The schedule for rehearsals and concerts, as well as other information, is found on the BYSO website, [www.binghamtonyouthsymphony.org](http://www.binghamtonyouthsymphony.org).
- There are two regular concerts:
  - Sunday January 15, 2017, 3 p.m. at West Middle School in Binghamton – school is located on West Middle Ave which is a one way street that runs from Kneeland Ave to Helen Street (from Riverside Drive, turn north onto Kneeland at Lourdes Hospital, then left on W. Middle; from Main Street, take Beethoven south, then right on Jefferson, left on Kneeland, and quick right on W. Middle)
  - Sunday May 14, 2017, 3 p.m. at Binghamton High School
- On November 13, 2016 at Binghamton High School, both orchestras will record a holiday concert, which will be broadcast on local television station 8-10 times during the holiday break. The preparatory orchestra will meet first (1-2:30 p.m.) and then the senior orchestra (3-5 p.m.).
- On Tuesday March 7, 2017 the senior orchestra will perform for approximately 2000 area school children in the Introduction to the Orchestra concert at Binghamton University. There are two concerts, one at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m. Students will need to miss the entire morning of school. Typically schools have excused these absences.
- Policies
  - Absences – students are permitted to have four absences per half year (first half is through the January concert, and second half is through the May concert). Students who miss more than that will be missing a significant portion of the rehearsals and may not be sufficiently prepared with the concert music.
  - To report absences  
Senior orchestra strings should call secretary Sophia Werner, home 607-625-9901 (before 2:15 p.m. on Sunday); brass/woodwinds/percussion should call or text secretary Yuval Tessman-Bar-On, cell 607-761-1796.  
Preparatory orchestra should email Ms. Bartlett, [preporchestraconductor@gmail.com](mailto:preporchestraconductor@gmail.com) - be sure to check your spam folder for group emails from Ms. Bartlett.
  - Dress (for all concerts, including holiday recording)  
Senior orchestra: ladies, all black, avoid short dresses (some stages are elevated); men black suit, white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes, black socks, no sneakers.  
Preparatory orchestra: ladies, white top and black bottom (skirt or pants); men, white dress shirt, tie of any color, black pants, black socks, black shoes.
- Seating auditions are for senior orchestra only.
- The Concerto Competition is held each year to select soloists to perform with the orchestra. The competition is open to any member of BYSO, though in the 50+ year history of the competition, only one or two of the chosen soloists have been from the preparatory orchestra.
- Parents are welcome to listen to rehearsals – from the hallway because the room is quite full.

### Sue Krause, President, Board of Directors

- Distributed copies of calendar from the website. This also was included in handout from BYSO Secretary, Leann Lesperance.
- Email questions to [bysoinfo@gmail.com](mailto:bysoinfo@gmail.com); can also text/call Sue Krause at 607-760-3366

- Barnes & Noble fundraiser is Saturday November 12, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Julie Wang from the board is coordinating this event. Parents can help with publicizing the event in advance, and volunteering that day. Students can perform in small groups. The success of the fundraiser depends on getting people into the store to buy books that day – preordered books that are picked up that day in the store also will count toward the fundraiser.
- Parents are invited to volunteer in any capacity. All skills and ideas are welcome.
- Debby Larson brought samples of BYSO merchandise. All items (other than clothing) are in stock and can be delivered at any time. Concert recordings also are available – Sounds of the Season DVDs are \$10; January/May Concert CDs are \$20. Clothing requires a minimum order – a volunteer is needed to organize a clothing order. Contact Sue if you are interested.
- Advertising for program and corporate sponsors of concerts are welcome. Contact Sue for the form, or download it from the website.
- A volunteer is needed to handle registrations for BYSO. Brian Werner has been taking care of them (this is his fifth year), but he is stepping down. Brian will train whoever takes over.
- Registration fees should be paid. Some scholarship money is available for those with financial need – contact Sue Krause.
- Preparatory orchestra has openings for brass (tuba, trombone, trumpet, French horn), clarinet, bass, and percussion – late auditions may still be available this fall for interested students (depending on ability); students definitely can audition in January. Contact Ms. Bartlett or the email [bysoauditions@gmail.com](mailto:bysoauditions@gmail.com).