

Calendar

- Dec. 11** Rehearsal – Symph. ONLY
(No Prep. Rehearsal)
2:30 Space Center Intermediate
- Dec. 18** No Rehearsal
- Dec. 25** No rehearsal
- Jan. 1** No rehearsal
- Jan. 8** Rehearsals resume
2:30 Space Center Intermediate
- Jan. 22** Concerto Competition
Application Due Date
- Feb. 5** Symphony level non-discounted
Tuition Due Date
- Feb. 12** Concerto Competition
- Feb. 19** NASA Tribute Concert



Bravo!! Bravo!!!

We have had a fabulous first half of our BAYS 2011-2012 season! Congratulations to all our musician members and many thanks to our parent members, our amazing directors, our board members and generous volunteers. We make a great team, as well as wonderful music. Happy Holidays to all.

Conductors' Instructions!

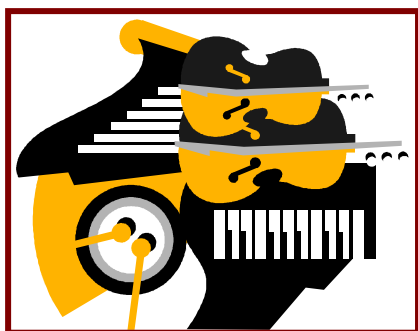
From: **Lisa Black & Tom Dinardis**

Sign-In Sheets:

Please remember to sign in on the roster at the beginning of each rehearsal. It will be in the Commons near the entry.

Don't Forget to Practice Over Break!

Everyone is very very excited about the new music we are preparing for our upcoming NASA Tribute Concert in February, so please take some time out of your holiday break to practice. We will hit the ground running in January!



Mika Hasler Concerto Competition

The Bay Area Youth Symphony offers its members monetary scholarships awarded through competitive auditions. The winners receive funds to support their musical endeavors, as well as an opportunity to perform their concerto with the Symphony. Financial rewards may vary and are determined by available funds.

Eligibility

The competition entrant must:

1. Be a current member of BAYS and miss no more than 2 excused rehearsals.
2. Be a member in good standing.
3. Not fail to return any music or property, or to pay any debt owed to BAYS.
4. Must submit a completed concerto application form by the deadline date of Jan. 22.
5. Audition with a pianist on February 12th.

Competition Requirements

Applicants will perform one movement of a concerto, or a work for solo instruments and orchestra from the baroque or classical time period. The applicant will provide their own accompanist and appropriate cuts in the accompaniment should be made to keep the performance time to a minimum. The concerto should be played by memory for the concert if selected.

All participants must meet the audition eligibility requirements. Each entrant will be assigned an audition time. There will not be an alternate audition date. The auditions will be open to the public, and the contestants should dress appropriately. Judges for the concerto competition may include BAYS conductors, staff and/or invited guests. The judges' written critiques will be given to each participant.

Scholarship Awards

Cash rewards will be rewarded to the first place winners. The judges reserve the right not to designate a winner at any level. The decision of the judges is final. Winners of the top scholarship awards may, at the discretion of the conductor, be invited to perform their solo with the symphony.

Utilization of Scholarships

Recipients must send a letter regarding the use of the award. Scholarship funds may be applied to: lessons, music school, camps, purchase of an instrument, bow, equipment, music or BAYS tuition. Funds will be reimbursed upon receipt of use. Awards will first be applied towards BAYS tuition in the event of an outstanding balance. Funds must be used or committed before the beginning of the following BAYS season. Continued membership in BAYS for the following year is required.



***Come One
Come All
Read All
About It!!!***

It is time to offer local businesses an opportunity to support BAYS. We are asking that each member family find one sponsor or program advertiser.

Please visit the "Support" page on our website at www.bayareayouthsymphony.org, print the advertising form and help us find sponsors for our 2011 Season. All sponsors will be included in our concert programs, thanked in all community advertising of our concerts and can be linked to our website on our sponsors page. It is a very inexpensive way to reach thousands of homes while supporting the arts. We are a non-profit organization and contributions are tax deductible. Thank you.

Updated Season Schedule

2011-12 Bay Area Youth Symphony Dates Symphony and Preparatory Orchestras (Revised 10/26)

Rehearsals are on EVERY Sunday from 2:30-4:30, preparatory 2:30-3:45 except those noted below. Student must arrive early for unpacking/tuning. Rehearsal MUST begin promptly at 2:30 at Space Center Intermediate School. The building will open at 2:10 for set up and tuning.

Sunday, September 11 th	General Parent Meeting 1:45-2:30 2:30-4:30 Rehearsal
Sunday, September 25 th	Bring a Friend Day Bullritos Dinner/Fundraiser after rehearsal (tentative date)
Sunday, October 9 th	Chair Auditions
Sunday, October 30 st	Halloween Treats during rehearsal!!!
Sunday, November 6 th	"Classically Yours Concert" San Jacinto College South Campus 4 pm No rehearsals on Nov. 20 for Thanksgiving YES to Sunday, November 27 th
Saturday, December 3 rd	Sounds of the Holidays with the Bay Area Youth Singers Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Rehearsal at 1:00, Concert at 3:00 No rehearsals Dec. 18, 25 or Jan. 1 for Holiday
Sunday, January 8 Sunday, January 22 nd <i>Sunday, February 12th</i> <i>***DATE CHANGE***</i>	Rehearsals resume Concerto Competition Application Due Date <i>Concerto Competition 5:00 Location TBA</i> <i>(Rehearsals at 2:30 as usual prior to competition)</i>
Sunday, February 19 th	"NASA Tribute Concert" Performing Arts Center Dobie High School (8 rehearsals-HS musicals interrupting) No rehearsal for Spring Break March 11 th
Sunday, March 18 th	REHEARSAL-Do not miss it! No rehearsal on April 8 th due to Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 15 th	Chair Auditions
Saturday, April 21 st	Classical Master's Festival (Strings Only) Clear Springs HS (tentative site)
<i>Sunday, May 20th</i> <i>***DATE CHANGE***</i>	<i>Mika Hasler Concerto Winners Award Concert</i> <i>San Jacinto College South Campus 4 pm</i>

***** Please arrive at rehearsals no later than 2:10 to set up and get tuned. Preparatory Orchestra rehearses 2:30 to 3:45, Symphonic Orchestra rehearses 2:30 to 4:30.***
***** All calendar events include both Preparatory and Symphonic Orchestras unless otherwise noted, including "Sounds of the Holidays".***

BAYS IN CYBERSPACE!!!!!!!!!!

BAYS is pleased to announce a major upgrade of our web site. Thanks to a lot of hard work by Anne at Blue Lake Design, we have a completely new look and a much more informative web site. The site now allows the conductors and board officers to make their own updates to the information on the site, so we intend the web site to be the One Stop Shopping place for our parent members and students to get the latest information about everything: rehearsals, concert details, volunteering, and fundraising. Please check back regularly for the latest updates at www.bayareayouthsymphony.org

Concert Cd's and DVD's

Please remember that we record our concerts in CD audio format (\$15), regular DVD video format (\$15) and Blue Ray DVD video format (\$20). You can place an order on the day of the concert and it will be delivered to you at rehearsal approximately two weeks later. Great for gifts too! And if you missed the order form, we often have extra copies from previous concerts – contact Karen Dinardis for availability.

BOOK DONATION FUNDRAISER

Donations will be collected at each rehearsal to be redeemed at Half Price Books.

All proceeds will be used for BAYS expenses such as facility rental, concert program, sheet music and more.

Items Accepted:

- Paperback Books
- Hardback Books
- Records
- Comics
- CDs
- DVDs
- Video Games

Items **Not** Accepted

- Magazines
- Cassettes/Video Tapes
- Damaged Items



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