



## Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra

### Weekly Communications

#### Special points of interest:

- *Report on the Gala*
- *Honey Baked Hams*
- *Congratulations to CYSO members*

From The Executive Director:

Our host has graciously allowed us to use their facility for our rehearsals, but it has been brought to my attention that many students are being dropped off before 4:30 and have been running around the halls of the school. We have been given access to the school for set up at 4:30, which is when I arrive with a

few others to set up the rehearsal rooms. The musicians do not need to be in the building until 4:45; this will give them enough time to unpack, tune and find their seats. Effective immediately NO CYSO musicians may enter the building before 4:45 PM.

Many items were left behind at the Gala. Please contact

Linda Foss to identify the items and make arrangements to pick up your things.

One of the CYSO parents has compiled a list of summer music camps to make shopping for the right place easier. Thanks to Debbie Judy, you can just visit <http://delicious.com/djudy/bundle:summer%20music%20camp> and see the offerings.

### Report on the Gala by Linda Newsom

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual CYSO Gala was an evening to remember! As the hundreds of guests began arriving, they were met by music provided by an ensemble from the Strings Orchestra, the Junior Flute Ensemble, a clarinet and flute duet, and the Chamber Ensemble. The tasty hors d'oeuvres were provided by Roundz Catering. While chatting and eating, the guests were able to bid on over one hundred silent auction items. The ensemble baskets were very popular! Bidders vied for theater tickets, getaway trips, artwork and quilts, sweaters, and jewelry. Two lucky winners will be conducting the Symphony and Concert orchestras at the finale concerts, while others will be receiving individual coaching from our wonderful conductors.

The Gala performance by the Senior Flute Ensemble, the Symphony Orchestra, and the Morgan State Choir and Opera Workshop was fantastic!

The Senior Flute Choir opened the program with three beautiful pieces including a powerful new piece, *Through the Intrinsic Forest*, by Darius Mackie. When Symphony took the stage, the audience was treated to a gorgeous array of color from the ladies' dresses. After opening with Wagner's *Meistersinger*



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Overture, the Morgan State Choir and Opera Workshop came out and presented a glorious program of opera pieces. Selections from *Porgy and Bess*, *Don Giovanni*, and *Rigoletto* filled the hall. The evening ended with a standing ovation for the performers and many comments of "This was the best Gala ever!"

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## Featured Members:

Congratulations are in order for several CYSO members.

**Tyler Wilkinson** (Concert Orchestra—Clarinet) has been chosen for the Navy Side-by-Side performance for Alto Saxophone.

**Kimberly Bill** (Symphony Orchestra—violin) has been accepted to the Baltimore School for the Arts for the class of 2014.

**Sarah Elert** (Concert Orchestra—violin) has been accepted into the Interlochen Summer Music Camp in Michigan.

Parents and members—please send your accomplishments to your ensemble manager or to the newsletter editor—[penny.mohr@verizon.net](mailto:penny.mohr@verizon.net)— so that you can be recognized in this newsletter. This includes acceptance into music programs, ratings from Maryland Music Educators Association solo and ensemble competitions, wins at music competitions, or any

other prestigious awards. We love to celebrate your accomplishments!

Congratulations are also in order to three CYSO members who performed in the all-state junior orchestra in Bethesda, Maryland on Sunday, March 14. The orchestra, which included Melissa Paton (viola), Anna Dunlap (harp), and Sarah Elert (violin), played a diverse repertoire ranging from Baroque (Telemann's Don Quixote Suite) to Contemporary music (Dabczynski's Dixie Highway). The last piece, written by the conductor, intertwined Cherokee Indian melodies, Celtic fiddle, and country blue grass into a fast-paced finale.

The conductor, Maestro Dabczynski, is a professor of music at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He has a



**MELISSA PATON**  
Concert Orchestra  
VIOLA



**ANNAP DUNLAP**  
Symphony Orchestra  
HARP



**SARAH ELERT**  
Concert Orchestra  
VIOLIN I

particular interest in folk music and ethnomusicology and has focused his research on fiddling and the transmission of traditional music. He had all orchestra members playing fiddle melodies in practice. They also had to play all four movements of Telemann holding their bows well above the frog (harp excepted) to better develop their Baroque bowing technique.

Participants had several full days of practice, with 12 hours of rehearsal on Saturday alone!

## Other Missives: Honey Baked Hams and Call Times For Next Weekend

You may have seen an email missive from your ensemble manager about a spring fundraiser. Order your delicious Spring Holiday ham, turkeys and desserts from CYSO featuring delectable items from Honeybaked Hams. Honeybaked Hams sponsored the pre-gala parent meeting by donating ham, turkey, condiments, and desserts. Place your order at the next two CYSO Thursday night rehearsals. All orders must be received by March 26<sup>th</sup>. CYSO earns 15 percent of all orders.

All orders will be available for pickup on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Severna Park Store. Please make check payable to CYSO. Mastercard, Visa, and Discover (and cash) are accepted. See your ensemble manager for a packet with additional information or email Greta Bill directly [gbill@eands-mail.com](mailto:gbill@eands-mail.com).

The Spring concert series is not yet over. The Symphony Orchestra performs with the Morgan State Choir and Opera Workshop again this Friday, March 19 at their venue. Also Join your fellow CYSO members for the **CYSO SPRING CONCERT** this weekend, Saturday, March 20th, at Rive Trace Baptist Church, 475 W. Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035.

**String Orchestra Call Time:** 12:50 PM. Rehearse on stage 1:00-1:30. **Wind Ensemble Call Time:** 1:25 PM. Rehearse on stage 1:35-2:05. **Concert Orchestra Call Time:** 2:00 PM rehearse



The 2010 CYSO Gala. Photo courtesy of Bob and Crys Keiser Crystal Photo Memories

on stage 2:10-2:50. **Senior Flute Call Time:** 2:45 PM. Rehearse in Adult Education Room. The concert will begin at 3 PM

See you there!

## Upcoming Events

Changes may occur in the schedule and updates will be listed in this newsletter and posted to the website.

March 4, 11, 18, 25	Rehearsals for all ensembles	Bates Middle School
March 19 Call time 5 PM Performance 7:30 PM	CYSO Symphony performs with Morgan State Choir and Opera Workshop	Gilliam Concert Hall, Maryland Fine Arts Center, Baltimore
March 20 Performance 3:00 PM	CYSO Spring Concert with String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Orchestra, and Senior Flute Ensemble	Riva Trace Baptist Church Davidsonville
March 27 Call time 1:45 PM Performance 3:00 PM	CYSO Junior Flute Community Outreach Concert	Ginger Cove
March 28 CANCELLED!!!	Preparatory Orchestra	Ginger Cove
April 8, 15, 22, 29	Rehearsals for all ensembles	Bates Middle School
April 8 Call time TBA Performance 7:00 PM	Preparatory Orchestra	Arnold Elementary
May 6, 13, 20	Rehearsals for all ensembles	Bates Middle School
May 1 7:00 PM	A Tribute to the Military—CYSO Symphony and the USAF Blue Steel Band	Chesapeake High School
May 22 2:00 PM	CYSO Finale Concert—Concert Orchestra, Preparatory Orchestra and Junior Flute Ensemble with 3rd place winner of CYSO Concerto Competition	Maryland Hall
May 22 7:00 PM	CYSO Finale Concert—Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra and Senior Flute Ensemble with 2nd place winner of CYSO Concerto Competition	Maryland Hall
June 3, 8, 9, 10 5:00—9:00 PM	CYSO Auditions By appointment—call 443-758-3157	Bates Middle School Band Area

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### Contact Information:

Please contact ensemble managers to report all absences as far in advance as possible. Our attendance policy is posted on our website.

### Ensemble Managers

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Our office, located at The Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, is staffed from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Tuesday and 10-4:30/ 5-9 Thursdays, September thru May. The room number is 103A, located across the hall and a couple of doors down from the Hard Bean Café.

CYSO follows Anne Arundel County Public Schools closures. In case of inclement weather check [www.schoolsout.com](http://www.schoolsout.com) or contact the Executive Director at the CYSO hotline (above).

Please send any ideas for articles, photos, or information about member accomplishments to put in this newsletter to: Newsletter Editor Penny Mohr [penny.mohr@verizon.net](mailto:penny.mohr@verizon.net) or Assistant Editors: Anna Tayman [altayman@aol.com](mailto:altayman@aol.com) Sarah Elert [lilly-pad1012@gmail.com](mailto:lilly-pad1012@gmail.com) Deadline: Sunday every week.

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We would like this to be a member-driven newsletter. We are seeking members who would like to volunteer to help find and write articles, especially from the Wind Ensemble, Senior Flute Choir, or Symphony Orchestra. Contact

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or see Anna Tayman or Sarah Elert during breaks for the Concert Orchestra.