



High Notes

April 2009

Welcome...

to the first edition of High Notes. With this newsletter we hope to stay in touch with current members and our alumni and their families. To do this, we need help from our alumni. For most of you, the only address we have is your address when you were in SVYS.

Please help us by providing your email/mailling address and sharing information about yourself. You may use the form on the back of this newsletter or send an email to svys@ymail.com. We want this to be your newsletter, so we encourage you and your family to respond and tell us what you'd like to see included.

Feel free to share this newsletter with friends, "lost" alumni, or others interested in our program.

SVYS Spring Concert

Saturday,
May 9, 1:30 p.m.

First United Methodist
Church
2741 S. Koke Mill
Springfield

2009 Concerto Competition

About the Competition...

Each year the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony conducts a concerto competition to recognize superior musical achievement and to select soloists for the spring concert. The competition begins with preliminary auditions for the Music Director. Finalists then present a public recital where they are judged and the winners chosen.

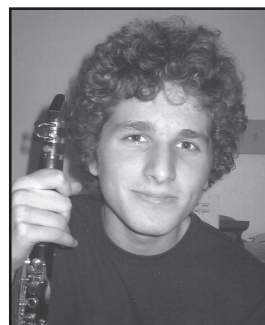
The Winners Are...



Max Pessoa

Max hails from Fortaleza, Brazil, where he lives with his parents Erico and Helena Pessoa. He began playing the violin six years ago and studied under Vazken Fermanian before coming to Illinois. He currently studies with Kamen Petkov in Springfield and has had an opportunity to attend master classes with many accomplished violinists. From 2005 through 2008 he performed at the Eleazar de Carvalho Music Festival in Fortaleza. Max is a senior at Athens High School in the foreign exchange program. He will return to Brazil shortly after graduation and plans to return in the fall to attend Western Illinois University where he has been accepted in the music program.

For the SVYS Spring Concert, Max will be featured with the Symphony Orchestra as violin soloist performing Praeludium and Allegro by Fritz Kreisler based on a theme by Paganini.



Clement Serrano

Clement Serrano is a junior at Carlinville High School where he plays clarinet in the band and pit orchestra for the school musical. He received his first clarinet at age eleven and had lessons for several years with his grandfather who plays clarinet in the Carlinville community. After a year of private lessons with Marty McCandless in Springfield, he currently studies with Dr James Hinson at SIU-Edwardsville. He hopes to pursue a career in music.

Clement will also be performing on the Spring Concert as clarinet soloist for Concertino in Eb Major, Op. 26 by Carl Maria Von Weber.

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About Our Staff...

Music Director: **Richard Haglund** is completing his sixth year with SVYS. He is also Assistant Conductor of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, founder of the Sangamon Valley Community Orchestra in Springfield and the Erato Chamber Orchestra in Chicago, and teaches music appreciation and theory at Blackburn College

Office Manager: **Ann Kramer** has worked with SVYS for 5 years coordinating the office and Starter Strings program. She previously was manager for youth orchestras in Arkansas and Kentucky.

Office Assistant: **Beth Wakefield** handled the SVYS data base this year and helped with the student directory, communications and grant writing.

Check out the web-site at

www.svys.org

On the podium with Richard Haglund...

Around the World with Music

My first international experience with music was in 1985 when I was with a youth orchestra in Costa Rica. We played for a packed hall of people who had never heard a symphony orchestra. Since then I have had the pleasure of playing or conducting all over the world and will spend three weeks this summer conducting orchestras in St. Petersburg Russia, Timisoara Romania, and the National Chamber Orchestra of Moldova.

In SVYS many countries are represented by member families with exchange students from Korea, Germany and Brazil playing in the orchestras this year. Perhaps music is the true "International Language". What a joy it is for me to work with the 300 students who are now in SVYS and share the language of music with the "Best Youth" in the community!

Something to "Crow" About... Summer Camp Scholarship Winners

Each year the Illinois Symphony Guild of Springfield holds auditions for summer camp scholarships. The competition is open to all SVYS members. For 2009 the orchestra scholarship winners are:

Amanda Henton, oboe

\$500 George Ecklund Jr Scholarship

Max Pessoa, violin

\$200 Frank Herman Scholarship

Kayleigh Marcotte, oboe

\$200 Muriel Runyen Scholarship

Collin Marcotte, French horn

\$200 Arlowynne & Warren Pursell Scholarship

Samantha Hwang, violin

\$200 Alessandrini Memorial for Vic Kelley

Marlie Mulder, flute

\$100 Eileen Ensel Scholarship

The college scholarship winner is:

Jill Haxel, violin,

\$TBA Ada & Bill White Memorial Scholarship

Other Awards...

In "The Talent Among Us" annual competition held recently at Illinois College in Jacksonville,

Carly Piland, flute, was the first place winner in the senior youth category.

What Are They Doing Now...

NOTES FROM ALUMNI

We'd like to hear from more of you. Please use the form on the back of this newsletter or email your information to svys@gmail.com

The GAMBLE girls

Rekah Gamble Philbrick (96)

BS-Music Educ., Millikin (2000)
MS-Teacher Leadership, UIS (09)
Band director for Auburn schools, SVYS Starter Strings instructor, gives private lessons and teaches oboe and bassoon at LLCC. Bekah is also director of music ministries at Douglas Ave. UMC and plays in the pit orchestras for local musicals. She is married to Tom Philbrick, band director at New Berlin, and has two children.

Mary Gamble Lueking (98)

BS-Elem. Educ. & Music, Millikin (02)
MS-Reading Specialization (06)
Reading Specialist for Springfield Public Schools, private string teacher and SVYS Starter Strings instructor. Mary is married to Brent Lueking and has two children.

Martha Gamble Robinson (01)

Music Education degree from
Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis (06)
Married to Paul Robinson and lives in Anaheim, CA, where she is cellist for La Mirada Symphony Orchestra, Bellflower Symphony Orchestra and the Bellezza String Quartet.

Rachel Gamble (03)

BS-Elem. Educ. & Music, SIU-Edwardsville (07)
Resides in Troy, IL, teaches 3rd grade for Triad School District and gives private string lessons.

The PETTER girls

Rebekah Petter Nevel (04)

Graduated from Anderson U. in Indiana and is now attending Univ. of Mo. Medical School. She played principal oboe in college and continues to perform with a symphony in Columbia, Mo.

Rachel Petter (05)

Currently a senior at Anderson U. in Indiana where she plays principal French horn and is majoring in English and Psychology. Rachel will be attending U of I Law School in the fall.

The GOOD brothers

A.J. Good (04)

Received a scholarship to play trumpet at DePauw U. in Greencastle, Indiana, and graduated in 2008 with a major in Music Performance and minor in Jazz Studies. In the fall of 2006 he was the only American student accepted to study at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam. A.J. now works in Springfield and continues to play locally with jazz performers, including Frank Trompeter, Frank Parker, and Henry Miles.

Thomas Good (06)

Attends DePauw University with a full tuition scholarship to play double bass. He is majoring in both music and geology. This semester Thomas is studying Geology in ChristChurch, New Zealand.

A.J. and **Thomas** both played throughout Europe with the Decatur Park Singers and perform locally as **The Good Brothers** with their brother Tucker who is a current SVYS member.

Recent grads...

Amanda Hamilton (07)

is doing an apprenticeship with Christian Writers Guild. She also plays violin in the Sangamon Valley Community Orchestra and is a teaching assistant for the SVYS Starter Strings class at Glenwood Intermediate School in Chatham.

Aaron McGee (07)

Attends the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., where he is majoring in Computer Animation and was named to the dean's list for the fall 2008 quarter.

Rebecca McGuire (07)

is a sophomore at Western Illinois Univ. where she is principal oboist for the WIU Orchestra and Wind Ensemble and is majoring in music performance. Rebecca has also performed with the Quincy Symphony Orchestra and in Cottbus, Germany as a pit orchestra musician in the Lausitzer Opersommer production of "The Magic Flute".

Where are they now...

2008 Graduates

Max Beckman - Double Bass

(senior year at Interlachen Arts Academy)

Double Bass Performance,
DePaul University

Mark Caspary - Violin,
Music Business, ISU

Kristina Corradly - Flute,
Music Education Concordia University

Brian Kane - Euphonium
Pharmacy, Creaton Univeristy

Sharon Kim - Violin

Molecular Biology, U of I-Champaign

Allegra Larson - Violin
Music Business, DePaul Univeristy

Alex Myers - Violin
Art History/Architecture, Miami U-Ohio

Thomas Olson - Trumpet
Music Performance, LLCC

T. Duncan Parker - Double Bass
Music Composition, Elmhurst College-
Chicago

Emily Rogers - Flute
Biology, Augustana College

Mary Stewart - Clarinet
Spanish, U of I-Champaign

Elizabeth Wall - Viola
Nursing, SIU-Edwardsville

Rachel Wang - Violin
Environmental Studies, Yale University

Joslyn Washington - Violin
Political Science, SIU-Carbondale

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Address _____ SVYS Instrument _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Education/Employment _____

Musical Activities _____

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