

High Notes

Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of **HIGH NOTES** on line which brings you the latest news from the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony. We hope you will enjoy keeping up with the goings-on at SVYS.

Winter Concert

Thank you for a very successful winter concert! On December 5th the youth orchestras and Starter Strings played to a nearly packed house. How big the audience actually was, no one knows for sure, but thanks to family, friends, and the community for the wonderful support!

Finalists Chosen for Concerto Competition

Several Symphony Orchestra members have been chosen to compete in the annual SVYS Concerto Competition. Plan now to support these students by attending the **Concerto Competition Recital on Saturday, February 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the Hoogland Center for the Arts.**

Each year SVYS conducts a concerto competition to recognize musical achievement and to select soloists for the spring concert. Following preliminary auditions for the Music Director, the finalists are judged at the recital and winners chosen. Finalists this year are: Carol Chou-flute, Alison Embalabala-violin, Amanda Henton-oboe, Johari Idusuyi-violin, Natalie Knox-oboe, Kristin Kobayashi-saxophone, Amy Marszalek-flute, Madz Negro-violin, Tommy Negro-cello, and Carly Piland-flute. Please invite family and friends to join you for this free recital.

Orchestra Group Picture Orders

Group pictures of each SVYS orchestra are now available for purchase. The 8 x 10 photos of each group were taken before the students performed at the winter concert. Order forms will be available at rehearsal. The price is \$10 for each photo with some of the proceeds benefiting the youth orchestras. Deadline for ordering is February 17.

Auditions for Summer Camp Scholarships

Students interested in auditioning for a summer camp scholarship should begin preparing two solos of contrasting styles for the competition this spring. (Date to be announced soon.) This annual Illinois Symphony Guild of Springfield competition is open to current 6th through 12th grade students in strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, piano and voice. Winners last year are not eligible to compete this year on the same instrument. Ten scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$500 will be awarded.

Concert Orchestra School Tour

The Concert Orchestra school tour is scheduled for Thursday, April 15. Please save this date for all Concert Orchestra members to play at two elementary schools in the morning.