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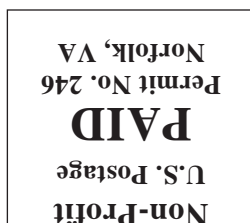
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Helen Martell Appointed Bay Youth Music Director

by Ray Amoruso, Board President, BYOV



As we ease out of the lazy, hazy days of summer and back into the next school year I want to welcome everyone back to another year at Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia. The 2007/2008 performance season promises to be an exciting one filled with wonderful and challenging music for all the members of Bay Youth Orchestras. Please see the article written by Helen

Martell that describes our program theme this year, which is cleverly entitled "The Elements." Our concerts this year will be formed around musical repertoire that covers earth, water, wind and fire.

This 35th performing year of the Bay Youth Orchestras is again another year of change for the organization. As many of you know, we have said farewell to Dr. Jean Montes as he has moved on to a wonderful opportunity at Loyola University in New Orleans. During his one-year tenure with Bay Youth, he was very impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm of our members. At the annual banquet at the conclusion of the 2006/2007 performing season, the Board of Bay Youth was happy to make the announcement that Mrs. Helen Martell has been selected to fill the position of Music Director and Symphony Orchestra conductor for Bay Youth Orchestras.

Mrs. Martell has been associated with Bay Youth for seven performing seasons and has served as the conductor of the Concert Orchestra. She brings a commitment to and knowledge of Bay Youth's mission as well as her impressive musical ability and love of teaching. An accomplished conductor, educator, clinician, and performer, Mrs. Martell is passionate about challenging and stimulating audiences and musicians alike. The energy and enthusiasm she emits during Monday night rehearsals is contagious and our student members push themselves to match and exceed Helen's expectations. Mrs. Martell has a determination to see that the music put forth from any group she is conducting is of excellent quality and makes every BYO member proud to play it..

Please help me welcome Helen Martell into her new role as Music Director for Bay Youth. She has already put forth a host of ideas to the board and staff regarding travel opportunities, ways to reach out to a larger audience, opportunities for growing our winds and brass sections and ways that BYO can support the music programs in our area middle and high schools. She is ready for the season to start and eagerly looks forward to seeing familiar faces from former members of past concert orchestras, and new faces to the family we know as Bay Youth. Who knows, if we ask her nicely enough perhaps she will even play her saxophone at a Monday night rehearsal.

Welcome Helen!!!!

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THE PODIUM NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Helen Martell

I am quite excited about my new position with Bay Youth Orchestra. It is wonderful to receive so much support from the board, the members and the parents. I plan on doing everything I can to make a successful year for the entire Bay Youth Organization. As you read this article, I would like you to think of ways that you can become more involved with BYO. We have such wonderful parents who have contacts throughout this region. Perhaps you can help spread the word to increase the size of our audience or increase the interest in students auditioning for the ensembles. Perhaps you can help with finding corporate sponsors and new advertisers for our program book. We need volunteers to pass out programs, sell tickets and flowers, and monitor rehearsal rooms. We are in need of a group of parents to sell snacks at rehearsals (this is incredibly important for the students). Please let us know how you can help at the beginning of the year. This organization will be stronger with your volunteered support.

“The Elements”

Thanks to our creative Executive Director, Bob Spaeth, we have a wonderful title for the 2007-2008 Season. We will be exploring music inspired by the elements: earth, water, wind and fire. Earlier last year, Chris Morton thought it would be a great idea to collaborate with a Chesapeake Bay restoration group and Beth Argiro has a contact with the Back Bay Restoration Foundation. Our February Concert will be devoted to “Water” and the preservation of one of our most treasured bodies of water: The Chesapeake Bay. You will not want to miss this concert.

Water has inspired many composers and when I was thinking of music for the first concert titled “Earth”, water themes kept bubbling to the surface. The first concert will feature “The Moldau” by Bedric Smetana. The Moldau is part of a large tone poem that describes the Czech countryside with music. You will hear Smetana’s depiction of a river gurgling at its beginning, passing a country wedding scene, traveling through a storm and showing its beautiful expanse through the countryside.

The first half of our season will also be dominated by the extraordinary music of Tchaikovsky. The Virginia Symphony has invited the Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra to perform on two side-by-side concerts featuring this passionate Russian composer. We will be performing a few movements of the ballet scores for “Swan Lake”, “Sleeping Beauty” and “The Nutcracker”. The students will also get to know Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 6 and 1812 Overture. This is an invaluable experience for our young musicians and a wonderful chance to build community awareness.

The Concerto Competition is open for all Bay Youth Symphony members and is taking place on December 15.

We have very talented players in our orchestra who will get a chance to shine during this competition. Only two members will be chosen this year to solo with the orchestra in March. Carnival Overture by Antonin Dvorak will be the final piece on that program. Finishing the year ‘con fuoco’ (with fire), the BYSO will perform Ritual Fire Dance by Manuel de Falla and the famous Berceuse and Finale from Stravinsky’s ballet score “The Firebird”.

I have planned music that I love and I know the students will enjoy learning. They are not easy pieces and the students will need to be prepared for rehearsals. Listening is the key to understanding this music. I highly recommend listening to professional recordings of these pieces. Students and parents can go to Planet Music and find several recordings, or you can download recordings from your favorite site. By listening to recordings, you can gain a total concept of the piece and you will understand how your part fits into the entire work. This is a wonderful organization and I can’t wait for the new season to start!

BYO Symphony Music

Get a head start on the 07/08 season!!
Symphony music will be available for pick-up at Larchmont United Methodist Church from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on August 25th at the Auditions.

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JOANN FALLETTA | MUSIC DIRECTOR

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WITH
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CHRISTOPHER O’RILEY

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JOANN FALLETTA!

Norfolk Chrysler Hall Saturday, September 8, 8 pm
sponsored by The Helen G. Gifford Foundation

For tickets, CALL **EMILY BRENNAN** at **213.1418** TODAY!

Concert Orchestra Conductor Search

At the end of June, the BYO search committee, consisting of Board members and staff, met and reviewed the applicants for the Concert Orchestra position. We have invited two area conductors to interview for the position of Concert Orchestra Conductor. Due to summer travel plans, the interviews are scheduled for early August and a decision should be made soon after that. We were extremely impressed with the applicants who applied for this position and will be announcing the decision on our web page in the next few weeks.

Help Bay Youth meet students' needs

Our philosophy at BYO is to allow anyone to participate in our organization based on their ability to play, not their ability to pay. For more than 30 years we have been fortunate enough to be able to meet the needs of the talented youth of Hampton Roads.

However, it is increasingly difficult to offer scholarships as other operational expenses increase.

Our Sidney Berg Scholarship Fund was designed to set aside money specifically for need-based scholarships.

Though fund-raising for this project has been limited in recent years, it is the perfect opportunity for our supporters to contribute to BYO in a very tangible way.

Donors directly affect the students through their giving, making the financial burden many families carry less of an issue when it comes to developing their children's talents through participating in the Bay Youth Orchestras. Give generously today and join the Hampton Roads Arts Community in helping to ensure that those young musicians who cannot pay our full tuition have the opportunity to participate this season.

Sidney Berg Scholarship Fund

First Name Last Name

\$ _____

Amount

Mail to:

BYOV , PO Box 8158, Norfolk, VA 23508

Parents' Meeting

September 10, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

At our first rehearsal, we will have a mandatory parents' meeting. We will try something new this year: While the musicians are rehearsing, the board and administrative staff will go over the season schedule, handbook and expectations for the year with parents in the cafeteria. This will give everyone the opportunity to ask questions and not take up valuable rehearsal time. Please have someone from your family attend this important meeting.

New Location in Norfolk!

Bay Youth Orchestras will be rehearsing at Norview High School starting on September 10, 2007. Norview H.S. is a new facility with a large music wing that will enable Bay

Youth to rehearse comfortably and continue to grow.

The Chesapeake Jr. Strings will continue to rehearse at Cedar Road Elementary in Chesapeake. We are pleased to be invited to rehearse at this new location and remind all of our members that we are guests in this school. Please treat it gently so we can rehearse here for years to come.

Norview H. S. is located at 6501 Chesapeake Blvd. in Norfolk. Take exit 278 from I-64 and go west on Rt. 194 (Chesapeake Blvd.) The school is immediately on the right.

AUGUST AUDITION INFO

Auditions will be held on August 25th at Larchmont United Methodist Church, 1101 Jamestown Cresc., Norfolk, to fill any remaining openings in our orchestras. Please call or e-mail the Orchestra Manager for an audition brochure and to setup an audition. Audition requirements can be found on our web page:

www.bayyouth.org

757-618-1800/bayyouth@excite.com



Season at a Glance

| Date | Event | Orchestras Rehearsing | Location |
|-------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 25-Aug-07 | Auditions | All | Larchmont United Methodist |
| 10-Sep-07 | First Rehearsal/Parents' Meeting | Strings/Concert/Symphony | Norview |
| 17-Sep-07 | Jr. Strings Auditions | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 24-Sep-07 | Symphony Sectionals/Jr. Strings Auditions | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 1-Oct-07 | Concert Sectional | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 8-Oct-07 | Symphony Sectionals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 15-Oct-07 | Symphony Seating | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 22-Oct-07 | Concert Seating | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 29-Oct-07 | String Sectional | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 5-Nov-07 | String Seating | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 12-Nov-07 | Dress Rehearsal | Concert/Symphony | Roper |
| 13-Nov-07 | Concert | Concert/Symphony | Roper |
| 19-Nov-07 | Rehearsal | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 26-Nov-07 | Rehearsal | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 3-Dec-07 | Symphony Sectional | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 10-Dec-07 | Concert Sectional | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 15-Dec-07 | Concerto Competition | Symphony/Staff | Larchmont United Methodist |
| 17-Dec-07 | Last Rehearsal/Symphony Seating | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 24-Dec-07 | Winter Break | | NO REHEARSAL |
| 7-Jan-08 | BYO Begins | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 14-Jan-08 | ConcertSeating Auditions | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 21-Jan-08 | Symphony Reh. Side by side | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 25-Jan-08 | Side by Side Dress Reh | Symphony | TBD |
| 26-Jan-08 | Side by Side | Symphony | AM and PM Concerts |
| 28-Jan-08 | Symphony Off | Concert/Strings/Jr Strings-joint | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 4-Feb-07 | Rehearsal | Joint Jr String | Norview |
| 9-Feb-08 | Dress/Concert AM/PM | Concert/Strings/Jr Strings | Indian River |
| 11-Feb-08 | Regular Rehearsals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 18-Feb-08 | Symphony Sectionals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 25-Feb-08 | Concert Sectionals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 3-Mar-08 | String Sectionals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 10-Mar-07 | String Seating | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 17-Mar-08 | Dress Rehearsal Concerto Concert | All | Norfolk Acad/Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 18-Mar-08 | Concert | Concert/Symphony | Norfolk Academy |
| 24-Mar-08 | SPRING BREAK | | NO REHEARSAL |
| 31-Mar-08 | Regular Rehearsals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 7-Apr-08 | Symphony Sectionals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 14-Apr-08 | Concert Sectionals | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 21-Apr-08 | Symphony Seating | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 28-Apr-08 | Concert Seating | All | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 5-May-08 | Regular Rehearsals | All/Joint Jr.Strings | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 12-May-07 | Regular Rehearsals | All/Joint Jr.Strings | Norview/Cedar Rd. |
| 19-May-07 | Dress Rehearsal | All | Regent Univ. |
| 20-May-08 | Finale Concert | All | Regent Univ. |

Concert Highlights:

This year we have chosen the Four Elements (Earth, Water, Wind and Fire) as our themes for the season.
Each concert will reflect one of these themes in the selection of music.

NOVEMBER – EARTH

Bay Youth Concert Orchestra

Thunder and Lightning Polka by Strauss/Isaac
Dances With Wolves by Barry/Rosenhaus
Peer Gynt Suite by Grieg

Bay Youth Symphony Orchestra

The Moldau by Bedric Smetana
Swan Lake Suite by Tchaikovsky
1st Scene - Dance of Swans
Symphony No. 6 Movement III by Tchaikovsky

JANUARY – SIDE BY SIDE - all Tchaikovsky

Virginia Symphony and Bay Youth Symphony Orchestras

Swan Lake
1st Scene - Dance of Swans
Symphony No. 6 Movement III
Sleeping Beauty Waltz
1812 Overture

FEBRUARY - WATER

in collaboration with the
Back Bay Restoration Foundation
performances by the
Combined Junior String Orchestras
String Orchestra &
Concert Orchestra

MARCH –WIND

CONCERTO CONCERT

Symphony and Concert Orchestras
Concerti TBA
Carnival Overture by Antonin Dvorak

MAY – FIRE

All the Orchestras of Bay Youth
Ritual Fire Dance by Manuel de Falla
Firebird – Berceuse and Finale by Igor Stravinsky

TICKETS

Season Tickets* - \$35.00 - Adults, \$20.00 Students

*(Does not include the Side by Side)

Single Ticket Prices

(On sale 2 weeks prior to each performance)

\$10.00 - Adults

\$6.00 - Students