

YCA Notes

Winter 2006

What's Happening at YCA?

10th Anniversary and many exciting things to come

NEW Summer Day Camp

The first ever one-day educational and team building camp is in the works for June. This is a great opportunity for creating social connections within the YCA community and improve on skills while being a fun experience for all. Look for details in upcoming months.

YCA 10th Anniversary Logo Wear

Support your organization by spreading the word. Tees (\$15), polo shirts (\$20), and hoodies (\$25) in adult and children sizes are for sale. Visit yca-cs.org to download order forms or ask at rehearsals.

Audition Announcement

Due to the growth in our programs, all returning members of YCA will be re-auditioned during rehearsals after our upcoming concert.

Quartet Performing at Barnes & Noble- Come & Support YCA

Listen to a talented YCA student string quartet and browse the store. Plus, when you make purchases with the voucher enclosed YCA will receive a percentage of the sales! So come out and support the kids while enjoying a relaxing shopping experience. Go to www.yca-cs.org/B&NFair.shtml for additional vouchers.

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Greetings from the President

Dear Parents and Friends,

What a fabulous 10th Anniversary Year! I could end my letter right there, and have said most of what I want to communicate!



We've already seen two extraordinary treats--our students performing side-by-side with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, and the fascinating Master Class with Rachel Barton Pine. And our students performing at their scheduled concerts has been just as wonderful! As a parent, I feel that no concert is as sweet as those my son is in!

With this 10th year, you should know that the Board is planning for many more exciting years, with growth in student educational and development opportunities, adding an additional group that focuses on brass and wind, and hiring our first strictly administrative person to compliment the Development Director and the Music Director and Conductors. We've also investigated other new opportunities such as the possibility of selected tours, and other local cooperative efforts. All in all, it is a great time to be a student musician with the Young Concert Artists Orchestra or Prelude!

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Side-by-Side Review

One of the most exciting events for YCA this season has been the "Side-by-Side" "Halloween Spooktacular: An Alien Invasion" performance with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic on October 30, 2005. The opportunity to perform on-stage with professional musicians was inspiring, fun and memorable for the students, parents, and the Philharmonic musicians. The combined orchestras performed "Imperial March" from "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back," and "Jupiter" from Gustav Holst's "The Planets." Our students were treated to a special and energetic practice session with Philharmonic Associate Conductor, Thomas Wilson before the kids joined their professional counterparts at the Pikes Peak Center for the big concert. Everyone agreed that YCA students did a super job! What an amazing opportunity for our rising musicians.

By Becky Whyley, Parent/Board Member

Master Class Huge Success

Saturday, January 21, 2006 was an unforgettable day for our YCA musicians. Nearly 100 students, parents and teachers from around the city observed a master class presented by renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine. Six students from the YCA and Prelude groups (Elizabeth Garbee, Jeremiah Moon, John Byrnes, Caleb Mote, Ray Grossman and Katie Merewether) received instruction on a prepared piece with Mrs. Pine. Her insights and instruction were invaluable.

Students and parents had a rare opportunity afterward to attend Mrs. Pine's rehearsal for her evening performance with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic. Many of the young people attending the rehearsal had never attended an orchestral performance, and it also proved to be a very positive experience for them. Education is a key element in a young musician's success. Young Concert Artists hopes to provide future opportunities, such as this master class and orchestra rehearsal, for the benefit of our student musicians. *By Karen Garbee, Parent/Board Member*

Student Highlights

John Byrnes- The seventeen year old Concertmaster began his violin studies at the age of eight and completed the Suzuki Method Violin Program while studying under Michael Hanson. He is currently studying with Don Robinson, Colorado Springs Symphony Concertmaster from 1977-1991,

symphony player for 45 years, professor of music at several colleges and universities and President of Donell Music.

John has been with the YCA Orchestra for the past five years and has worked as music librarian and stage support. His previous positions in the orchestra include member and Principal 2nd Violinist and member of the First Violins and Assistant Concertmaster. John teaches beginning and intermediate violin students and performs for weddings, church services, and business promotions. He attended the Masterworks Music Festival two consecutive summers and hopes to pursue music professionally.

"The most exciting part of everyday is being able to play my violin while learning new music. The challenge of having to accurately play the notes while learning specific dynamics and variable bowings gives me great pleasure. YCA has played a big part in my growth as a musician and being a member of the orchestra while having to learn the importance of playing with other musicians has helped me to excel faster in my knowledge and experience than if I were simply studying privately." By John Byrnes, YCA Student

Ray Grossman- Violin is my top priority and I practice daily since beginning my violin studies with Mr. Hanson at age 3. My musical highlights include playing with Suzuki Youth Orchestra of America (2004), Pikes Peak Honors Orchestra (2004, 2005) and Hanson Music Academy Orchestra (many years) under the direction of Catherine Hanson. At Suzuki Institute in Snowmass, I studied with Mark Bjork from the University of Minnesota. My favorite violinists are Michael Hanson, Fritz Kriesler, Joshua Bell and Rachel Barton Pine.

YCA is a fantastic experience because of the famous orchestral pieces that we perform and because of the level of musicianship of the players. I have enjoyed meeting new people in the orchestra. I am currently concertmaster at North Middle School with conductor Dan Mays, and previously Laurie Gabriel, who also was music director at Manitou Springs Arts Academy. I attend Palmer High School for math and study Piano with Carol Jilling. *By Ray Grossman, YCA Student*

Volunteers Appreciated

Our organization relies tremendously on valuable parent volunteers and we are very fortunate to have many helping this season with the countless duties needing to be done. Thank you from the bottom of hearts to all who make this organization what it is today.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

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IMPORTANT DATES

BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

BARNES & NOBLE-1565 BRIARGATE BLVD.

Friday, February 24th, 4:00-8:00 pm

Browse for books and listen to YCA student quartet. Plus, purchases you make that evening (with voucher enclosed) will benefit YCA.

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

PULPIT ROCK CHURCH

Tuesday, April 1st and 15th, 4:30 pm

Area openings include all strings, percussion, brass, two bassoons, and one in each remaining woodwind section.

MOZART BASTIEN AND BASTIENNE- PERFORMANCE

GARDEN OF THE GODS CLUB

April 29th and 30th, mid-day brunch performances
\$25/ticket

Collaborating partnership event with the Colorado Springs Conservatory. Orchestra rehearsal dates for this performance are: April 17, 24, 26, 28 from 4-6:30 pm. More details will be provided closer to the event.

SPRING CONCERT - NEW LOCATION

THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL- 21 BROADMOOR AVE.

Thursday, May 11, 4:30 pm (Rehearsal)

Sunday, May 14, 2:30 pm

So let me say a heartfelt thanks to our staff, our extraordinary Music Director, our hard-working Board, and to you, our parents and students, whom make the music possible! Here's to a bright future for Young Concert Artists Orchestra groups!

With Gratitude,
Jan Shober, *Board President*



Job Posting

Administrative Coordinator needed part-time. Strong computer and organization skills required. Must be personable, self-starter and flexible. Work from home except Monday & Tuesday evenings, and special events. Music knowledge helpful. Mail, email or fax resume to Jan Shober, P.O. Box 26085, CS 80936 janmarie1030@yahoo.com fax- 599-5675

Who's Behind the Scenes?

Board Members

Jan Shober, *President*

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Staff

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Why is your contribution important? We keep tuition affordable and offer scholarships, as well as work-study to enable all youth in our community to participate in our programs. There are many costs associated in operating the quality educational programs, which are run by a small part-time staff. To enhance our student's education and skill, and expand youth services funds raised will be utilized for workshops, master classes, camps, library materials, coaching sessions, scholarships, and many other vital services.

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