



ACYO NEWSLETTER

January 2010

*ACYO Schedule
Spring 2010
Mark Your Calendars!*

ACYO rehearsals are
Sunday nights
from 5:30-8:00 pm

The ACYO Board meets on
the first Sunday of each
month during rehearsal.

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Saturday, March 6, 2010
Spotlight on Youth
PM (tentative)

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Monday, March 22, 2010
5th Grade
Meet the Orchestra Concert
Phillips Center
9:30 am

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Sunday, April 25, 2010
University Auditorium
ACYO Spring Concert
7:00 pm (Free)
5:30 pm report time

(Dress rehearsal:
Sat, April 24, in AM;
Specific time TBA)

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Saturday, May 1, 2010
Festival Disney

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There will be no rehearsal:
April 4th - (spring break)

Note-will be rehearsal
On April 11th

Notes from the President

Dear Students and Parents:

Congratulations to our Music Director/Conductor Mr. Langford and students on fine performances at the Winter Concert and the Holiday Traditions/Stop Children's Cancer Benefit concert. (Yes, this is the first newsletter since November.)

Thank you to all the parents and Board members who helped make the concert events in November a success, and thanks to everyone who contributed the goodies that made our reception in the new West Foyer so delicious. It's good to know that people continue to respond so well to the challenge of sustaining our organization through their voluntary activities.

I think you will find some interesting and informative items in this month's newsletter including: opportunities for students with artistic talent to display their creativity on **ACYO's Spring Concert poster**; upcoming **award and scholarship competitions** sponsored by the local Foundation for the Promotion of Music; request by our newsletter editor May Zhang for **information from Seniors** about things such as Senior Recitals and their post-high school graduation plans; and information on how parents -- especially but not only parents of younger orchestra members -- who might be interested in guiding our organization into the future can contact our **Nominating Committee** to let them know of your interest in being nominated to join ACYO's Board of Directors next year.

I look forward to our upcoming months of rehearsals as we get ready for our Spring Concert on Sunday, April 25th and our Meet the Orchestra/5th Grade Concert, scheduled for Monday morning, March 22nd. With just a dozen or so rehearsals remaining this season, as Mr. Langford has emphasized, it's important for students to make the most of the Orchestra's rehearsal opportunities by preparing their parts individually and participating in rehearsals.

Sincerely,

Ken Zeichner, President
ksz98@yahoo.com



Nominating Committee Needs New Members!

The ACYO Board Member Nominating Committee is looking for potential new members for next year's board. We invite you to join us in actively supporting our students and conductor by joining the board. Help us keep the ACYO great.

Contact **Andrea Mansolo**

(mansolo@bellsouth.net), **Irma Alvarez**

(manueldelapuerta@att.net), or **Marina**

Petrovskaja (cinewindow@cox.net).

WANTED:

Artist for Spring Concert Poster

Attention all artists and creative types!! We are in need of a student to create the 2010 ACYO Spring Concert poster. Share your creative and artistic talents by designing the concert poster. Any media accepted. Think outside the box Share your love for Music, Art and the ACYO!! The winning poster will be displayed throughout Gainesville and recognized in the Spring Concert Program. Poster theme: Spring and/or Music.

Deadline: March 6, 2010

For more details please contact

Eva Dimitrov: 332-6718 or 339-6706

E-mail: evadimitrov@cox.net

Attention Seniors!

The end of the year is approaching. Please submit any dates you may have for senior recitals or performances of interest to our members and their families. In the April newsletter, I would like to feature the seniors and their plans for next year. I will be asking for submission with your plan (tentative or otherwise) and your favorite memories of ACYO. Deadline will be **April 15th**, so you have plenty of time to think about it! Email your stories to **May Zhang** at mayzhang15@gmail.com.

ACYO T-SHIRTS

Short sleeved t-shirts are available in two color combinations for only \$10.00 per shirt. We have the two blues on a black shirt design and also the red and yellow design on a black shirt. Black long sleeved t-shirts with blue graphic on the back and ACYO along one sleeve, \$15.00 Please e-mail **Debra Jones** at ddjones531@gmail.com to place your orders, and have your musician bring in a check or cash to pay for your shirts. When you call or e-mail she will make arrangements to be at rehearsal with the order and collect the money. So Simple, So Easy and a T-riffic looking shirt in the process! Call or e-mail now! **Debra Jones** 256-321 or ddjones531@gmail.com. ...don't forget!

Betsy Schnell Youth Award in Music

Auditions for the 29th annual **Betsy Schnell Youth Awards in Music** will be held Saturday, March 27th, 2010. The competition is open to students who are enrolled in schools of Alachua and contiguous counties. Winners will receive a monetary prize and opportunity to perform at the FPM Annual Meeting, April 18, 2010. Competitions are at middle school and high school levels. Applications with a \$10.00 non refundable fee (checks payable to FPM) should be mailed to Betsy Schnell Youth Award, 2020 NW 56th Terrace, Gainesville, 32605 to arrive by **March 20, 2010**. For application instructions telephone **Barbara Young** at 372-5008 or e-mail bobbe39@juno.com.

Special Opportunity for Senior String Players

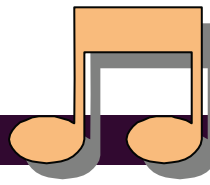
An invitation and application for the Dorothy Reaves Senior String Competition is posted on the ACYO Website at <http://acyo.org/announcements.htm>.

Participation in the audition will enhance your resume as well as offer the potential to win \$300.

Application deadline: **Friday, March 5, 2010.**

Audition: **Tuesday, March 23, 2010.**

Contact Cheryl Poe poect925@aol.com for more information.



ACYO T-SHIRT Order Form

Name: _____
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 ***Email: _____
 ACYO Member Name: _____



of SHORT SLEEVED T-SHIRTS, red/yellow printing on black shirt:

_____ @ \$10.00 EA. = \$_____ Total

Payment options: _____ cash _____ check (Payable to "ACYO")

These are adult sizes, please indicate how many of each size you want

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of LONG SLEEVED T-shirts, blue printing and ACYO on the sleeve:

_____ @ \$15.00 EA. = \$_____ Total

Payment options: _____ cash _____ check (Payable to "ACYO")

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You may turn in the completed forms, with your cash or check, to the café at rehearsals or mail the completed form with your check to:

**ACYO c/o Debra Jones
 13814 SW 72 Terrace
 Archer, FL 32618**

