



ACYO NEWSLETTER

October 2009

**ACYO Schedule
2009-2010
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.**

**Sunday, Nov. 29th, 2009
Phillips Center
for the Performing Arts:
Stop Children's Cancer /
Holiday Traditions Concert:

11 am - On stage, in seats, for rehearsal; Lunch provided in Black Box.

4 pm - Stop Children's Cancer Concert. Dinner to follow in black box.

7:30 pm - ACYO Winter Concert. Reception to follow. (Additional details to follow per Mr. Langford).

**Sunday, April 25th, 2010
University Auditorium
ACYO Spring Concert
7:00 pm (Free)**

**Monday, March 22, 2010
(Please note change in date)
5th Grade
Meet the Orchestra Concert
Phillips Center
9:30 am**

**There will be no rehearsal:
All of December
(resume Jan 10th)
April 4th - (spring break)**



Notes from the President

Dear Parents and Musicians,

I am very honored to have been selected by the Board of Directors at its meeting of September 13th to continue to serve as President for the 2009-10 season of the ACYO. I look forward to working with the Board and the other officers elected on September 13th: Eva Dimitrov our new Vice-President; Brent Godshalk- our new Treasurer, Debra Jones- Recording Secretary, and Pim Kosalwat- Membership Secretary. (Thanks to Pim, you should all have received the membership roster by e-mail for verification of information for Concert Programs and other ACYO purposes; if for some reason you haven't received this by e-mail, please contact Pim at pkosalwat@yahoo.com).

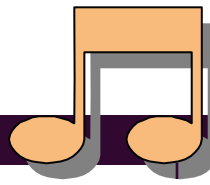
There was a very positive response by parents to the request at the Parents Meeting on September 13th for volunteers to help with various activities. At our Board meeting on October 4th, the Board focused on organizing for our concert events at the Phillips Center on November 29th. Board members coordinating various activities will be contacting parents who signed up to help with things like backstage activities, help with serving dinner in between the Holiday Traditions/Stop Children's Cancer Benefit Concert and our Winter Concert, and help with our reception after the Winter Concert. (Please see the general schedule at the Phillips Center for that day, as well as concert dress requirements, in this newsletter; a more detailed schedule will be provided by Mr. Langford as we get closer to the concert and in the November newsletter.)

There was also a very positive response to the discussion at the Parent meeting of the importance of donations. Thank you for the generous contributions from the many parents in the orchestra who made donations above and beyond dues. Please note that we are also set up to accept tax deductible donations in the form of stocks from anyone you know who is interested in supporting ACYO with such donations— for more information on how to do this contact me or our Treasurer Brent Godshalk godshalkbl@yahoo.com .

Musicians-- please continue to come to rehearsal on time, practice your parts on your own, and pay attention to Mr. Langford's instruction so you can be prepared to give performances of which we'll all be proud at the concerts, which are just seven weeks from the October 11th rehearsal.

Sincerely,

Ken Zeichner, President
Ksz98@yahoo.com



Hubbell Concerto Competition

Applications to audition for the ACYO concerto competition are **due by December 15th**. They can be given to Mr. Langford or they can also be mailed with postmark by Dec. 15th to ACYO, PO Box 14313, University Station, Gainesville, FL 32604. A check to ACYO for the \$15 application fee should be included. **Auditions will be conducted on Sunday, February 7th, 2010 starting at 1 pm.** in room 120 at the UF Music Building, and the winner will perform with the Orchestra at the Spring Concert scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 7 p.m. Application forms can be picked up from **Mr. Langford** at rehearsal the next couple of weeks; or can be down load it from ACYO website at www.acyo.org/concerto.htm.

Contact **Mr. Langford** (glangford@arts.ufl.edu or 514-7752) regarding the suitability of the music you've chosen or if you have any questions.

Dues Reminder

Thank you to those of you who've paid yearly dues in a timely fashion. As a reminder, dues are \$160 for 1st student musician and \$80.00 for additional members from the same family. If you have forgotten, you can make out a check to ACYO and give either directly to Treasurer, **Brent Godshalk** or via **Mr. Langford**, or mail to:

THE ACYO
Alachua County Youth Orchestra
 PO Box 14313
 University Station
 Gainesville, FL 32604

Come one - Come all ! Winter Poster Contest

Attention all ARTISTS and CREATIVE types!! We are in **immediate** need of a student to create the 2009 ACYO Winter Concert poster. Share your creative and artistic talents by designing the concert poster. Already have an art project completed that would work for the ACYO? Go ahead and submit for our review. ALL entries welcome!! Any media accepted but think bold!. Think outside the box! Share your love for Music, Art and the ACYO!! Winning poster will be displayed throughout the area and recognized in the Winter Concert Program.

Poster theme: Fall, Winter and / or Music.

Deadline for poster art submission: **October 28, 2009** so **please HELP**.

For more details please contact Eva Dimitrov: 332-6718 or 339-6706
 Or evadimitrov@cox.net



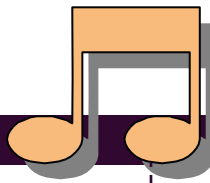
Tickets for the Holiday Traditions / Stop Children's Cancer Benefit Concert at Phillips Center **4 PM, Sunday, Nov. 29th**



If you'd like to order group tickets through ACYO for this benefit concert at which ACYO will be performing along with several choruses on Nov. 29th, you or your sons/daughters in the orchestra can do so during break at upcoming rehearsals. Tickets are \$10 for adults (this is the group rate) and \$6 for children under 12. **Debra Jones** will be available Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 during the orchestra break for group ticket orders. Checks should be made payable to "Stop Children's Cancer, Inc".

During the first or 2nd week of November the tickets will be picked up from Stop Children's Cancer for distribution during rehearsal break the second or third Sunday in November.

Please note that the Stop Children's Cancer concert will precede the ACYO Winter Concert at 7:30 pm on Nov. 29th, also at the Phillips Center. The ACYO Winter Concert is free.



Orchestra Concert Dress



Women:

- *Black full-length skirt* NO side or front slits; or *black dressy pants*, (NO jeans) and
- *black blouse*, NO midriff showing, or
- *Black full-length dress*.
- NO side or front slits.
- *Black dress shoes and black Hose*.

ALL dresses and blouse tops MUST have defined sleeves, only 3/4 length, or long.

Men:

- *Black dress pants*, (NO jeans)
- *Black dress shoes*, (NO sneakers, athletic shoes)
- *Black socks*
- *White tuxedo shirt with pleated front*.
- *Black tie and cummerbund (you provide)*

CONCERT CDs!



Concerts for the 2009–2010 year will be recorded and will be available for sale for \$15.00. Proceeds benefit ACYO. Recordings of previous concerts are still available at reduced prices. An order form is attached to the back of the newsletter for your convenience!

ACYO Board of Directors: 2009-2010

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How can we get in touch with you?

At ACYO, the main mode of communication, other than the monthly Newsletter, is via "email." It is the most convenient and fastest way to contact parents and members. Due to a large number of members, it is not feasible to contact parents or students by phone on a routine basis. Most parents provided us with their email addresses during the audition. Membership lists have been distributed by e-mail. If you have not received them, it means the email address we have from you was not valid, or your provider rejected them. You may want to sign up for an email address with a free service provider, such as yahoo mail, hotmail, or gmail. For those of you who received it, please double check the accuracy of the information, including the names and year in school of student members that will be used for purposes such as concert programs, and email **Pim Kosalwat** at pkosalwat@yahoo.com, or call 336-0120 with any necessary corrections.

ACYO T-SHIRTS

Short sleeved t-shirts are available in all sizes with the yellow/red graphic on a black shirt for \$10.00. Long sleeved t-shirts are available in all sizes with the two different blues graphic on the back and one sleeve for only \$15.00. Please e-mail or call **Debra Jones** at DDJones531@gmail.com (256-3214) to place your order with the quantity you request, sizes wanted, phone number, musician's name, and instrument they play.



Pre-order 2009 Winter Concert CDs

To avoid waiting in a long line during the concert, you can pre-order the CDs by filling out the order form and mailing it in with a check to Lisa Tumarkin at the address below. If you have any question, please email me at lisatumarkin@gmail.com.

CD Order Form - Winter 2009 Concert

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

***Email: _____

ACYO Member Name: _____

No. of CDs _____ × \$15.00 = \$ _____ Total

Shipping (optional): add \$2.00 for the first CD (plus \$1.00 for each additional CD).

Payment options: _____ cash
_____ check (make check payable to "ACYO")

The CDs will be available for pick up at the first Sunday rehearsal after winter break.

Please mail the completed form and a check to:

Lisa Tumarkin
6440 Newberry Rd, Ste. 405
Gainesville, FL 32605

