



ACYO NEWSLETTER

ACYO Schedule 2011-2012

Mark Your Calendars!

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

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

Sunday, Dec 11th, 2011

Phillips Center

For the Performing Arts:
(Report in AM per Prof.
Langford)

Holiday Tradition/Stop
Children's Cancer Concert
at 4:00 pm

&

ACYO Winter Concert
7:30 pm (Free)

Sunday, April 29th, 2012

University Auditorium
ACYO Spring Concert
7:00 pm (Free)

(Dress rehearsal will be

Saturday, April 28th 2012

From 9:00am until noon)

Monday, April 30th, 2012

5th Grade

Meet the Orchestra Concert

Phillips Center

9:30 am

There will be no rehearsal:

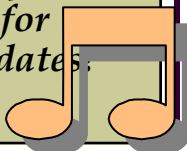
After December 11th, 2011

(resume Jan 8th, 2012)

April 1st - (spring break)

Note-there will be rehearsal
on April 8th, 2012

Watch this space
each month for
calendar updates.



October 2011

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 11th to continue to serve as President for the 2011-12 season of the ACYO. I look forward to working with the Board and the other officers elected on September 11th: Charlene Krueger our new Vice-President; Roger Swanger- Treasurer, Irma Alvarez- Recording Secretary, and Ching Zhou our new Membership Secretary. (Thanks to Ching, 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 or have any corrections, please contact Ching at ching_zhou@hotmail.com).

There was a very positive response by parents to the request at the Parents Meeting on September 11th for volunteers to help with various activities. At our Board meeting on October 2nd, the Board focused on organizing for our concert events at the Phillips Center on Dec 11th. 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 Roger Swanger at rogerS@jmco.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.

Sincerely,

Ken Zeichner, President

Ksz98@yahoo.com



Hubbell Concerto Competition

Applications to audition for the ACYO concerto competition are **due by December 16th**. They can be given to Mr. Langford or they can also be mailed with postmark by **Dec. 16th** to ACYO, PO Box 14313, University Station, Gainesville, FL 32604. A check to ACYO for the \$25 application fee should be included. **Auditions will be conducted on Sunday, February 12th, 2012 starting at 1 pm.** in room 101 at the UF Music Building, and the winner will perform with the Orchestra at the Spring Concert scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 7 p.m. Application forms can be picked up from **Mr. Langford** at rehearsal the next couple of weeks; or it can be downloaded 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.



THE
Alachua County Youth Orchestra

Come one - Come all ! Winter Poster Contest

Attention all ARTISTS and CREATIVE types!! We are in **immediate** need of a student to create the 2011 ACYO Winter Concert poster. Share your creative and artistic talents by designing the concert poster. You may use media of your choice but I prefer a vertical layout and please only submit artwork without words (I will add that). If using digital software, please choose 300dpi at least. Share your creative and artistic talents by designing the concert poster, and perhaps get credit for Community Service or IB Creativity hours if you need some. Winning poster will be displayed throughout the area and recognized in the Winter Concert Program.

Poster theme: Fall, Winter and Music.

Deadline for poster art submission:

Friday, Nov 4th, 2011
so **please HELP.**

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

THE
Alachua County Youth Orchestra
Winter Concert

Tickets for the Holiday Traditions / Stop Children's Cancer Benefit Concert at Phillips Center 4 PM, Sunday, Dec 11th

The ACYO will be performing this benefit concert along with several choruses on December 11th. If you'd like to purchase tickets through the ACYO at the group rate, you or your sons/daughters in the orchestra can do so during upcoming rehearsals. Tickets are \$10 for adults (this is the group rate) and \$6 for children under 12. **Brenda Helvey** will be taking the group ticket orders during the rehearsal break beginning October 16th. Orders will be taken through the November 13th rehearsal. Checks should be made payable to "Stop Children's Cancer, Inc".

During the week of November 13th, the tickets will be turned in to Stop Children's Cancer for distribution during rehearsal break on the third or fourth Sunday in November.

Please note that the Stop Children's Cancer concert will precede the ACYO Winter Concert (which is free) at 7:30 pm on Dec 11th also at the Phillips Center.





Pizza Night Beverages

In order to continue to make beverages available to ACYO students on their pizza nights and to minimize the burden on our pizza volunteers, the ACYO Board has decided to continue the practice of asking a few parents, on the one or two nights a month that pizza is provided at rehearsal break, to drop off at rehearsal or send with their children a couple of 6 packs of soda, lemonade or the equivalent amount of juice boxes on pizza nights. Each time there is a pizza night, an e-mail request for beverages will go out to a few parents. Thank you in advance for helping out and continuing to make pizza nights enjoyable for the kids!

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)

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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 that will be used for purposes such as concert programs. Please contact: Ching Zhou ching_zhou@hotmail.com, or call with any necessary corrections.

ACYO T-SHIRTS

Long-sleeved t-shirts are available in all sizes for \$15.00 each. Short-sleeved shirts are available in M, L and XL for \$10.00 each. Please contact **Chris Sagabiel** at mcsagabiel@hotmail.com or 352-335-5662 to place your order. Please include your name, your musician's name, your phone number or email address, and the number / size of shirts you desire.