



TUCSON JUNIOR STRINGS NEWSLETTER

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Director's Corner by Dennis Bourret

Here we are again getting ready for a new semester. Last semester was such a great success that I am really looking forward to this new one. This last fall our enrollment in several levels was up and we had really healthy orchestras. We had some good new students and had some really good auditions up from previous levels. As a result, our concerts this December were spectacular. I am now recruiting in the public schools and getting a lot of new names, so it looks like the Spring semester should be even better. I am picking music and am trying to make it a little harder than last time because our players should be even better this time around.

We have one bit of news about music in our city that is not good, but TJS may be able to help. Following the major budget cuts in Tucson Unified School District, over thirty elementary schools lost their orchestra programs. This amounts to a major disaster. Since it doesn't look like things will change for next year, we are going to try to do something about this problem. TJS is going to try to start beginning classes for fourth and fifth graders in three places in the district to keep a trickle of students flowing into the middle schools. Hopefully, then the middle schools won't completely dry up and go away as well. There is no way that we can turn out the number of students that the school program has in the past, but we will help keep something alive until the economy rebounds and the schools can get back to normal. We hope to get this going this semester.

Looking forward to seeing you all,
Dennis Bourret, Director

Upcoming Events

Photo Dates for Spring 2010

March 6: Northwest Sinfonias
& Northwest Chamber II –
During regular rehearsals
at 1111 N. Ina.



March 8: Chamber I and Eastside Chamber II –
During regular rehearsals at 201 N.
Columbus.

March 27: Eastside Sinfonias and Jr. Chamber –
During regular rehearsals at 2450 S. Kolb.

*All students will have their photos taken for the Tucson Junior Strings Yearbook. If you cannot attend your regularly scheduled photo date, you can go to any of the other scheduled sittings as a make-up. If Fairchild's does not take your picture, it will not appear in the yearbook.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE PHOTOGRAPH. You do have the option of purchasing a photo packet, at the time of the sitting, but it is not required.

Concert Dates for Spring 2010

All Orchestra Concert: Sunday, May 9, 2010, 2:30
PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Chamber Orchestras Concert: Friday, May 14,
2010, 7:30 PM at U of A School of Music in
Crowder Hall.

Spring 2010 Schedule

Start Dates for Spring Semester

All Sinfonias and Junior Chamber Register and Start on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

Eastside Rehearsals: Abounding Grace Lutheran Church, 2450 South Kolb Road.

Sinfonia 3 – 7:50 tuning; 8:00 full rehearsal; 8:30 sectional rehearsal; done at 9 AM.

Sinfonia 2 – 8:15 tuning; 8:30 full rehearsal, 9:15 sectional rehearsal; done at 9:45 AM.

Sinfonia 1 – 9:00 tuning; 9:15 full rehearsal; 10:00 sectional rehearsal; done at 10:45 AM.

Junior Chamber – 9:45 tuning; 10:00 full rehearsal; 11:00 sectional rehearsal; done at 11:45 AM.

***PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY* preferably before 12 Noon as staff must leave location to drive to the Northwest rehearsal location. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Northwest Rehearsals: Community of Christ Church, 1111 West Ina Road.

Sinfonia 3 – 12:50 tuning; 1PM full rehearsal; 1:30 sectional rehearsal; done at 2 PM.

Sinfonia 2 – 1:15 tuning; full rehearsal 1:30; 2:15 sectional rehearsal; done at 2:45 PM

Sinfonia 1 – 2:00 tuning; 2:15 full rehearsal; 3:00 sectional rehearsal; done at 3:45 PM.

***ATTENTION!!! Northwest TJS Families**

We've had some near mishaps in the front driveway caused by people entering the parking lot at the exit drive. PLEASE!!! Go to the 2nd driveway just past the blue sign, "Community of Christ Church." THAT is the entrance. The drive is a ONE-WAY drive going from the east driveway exiting at the west driveway. PLEASE help us keep the traffic flowing and prevent any accidents from occurring and maybe injuring children who are being dropped at the front of the building.

Chamber II and I evening rehearsals – 6:50 tuning; 7:00 full rehearsal; 8:15 sectional rehearsal; done by 9:15 PM.

Chamber II Eastside – registration and first rehearsal on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. 1st Brethren Church, 201 N. Columbus.

Chamber II Northwest – registration and first rehearsal on Thursday, February 11, 2010. Community of Christ Church, 1111 W. Ina Rd.

Chamber I – registration and first rehearsal on Monday, February 8, 2010. 1st Brethren Church, 201 N. Columbus.

A View From the Lobby.....by Andy MacLeod, Chair, Tucson Junior Strings, Board of Directors.

Greetings to the members, families, alumni, and friends of Tucson Junior Strings.

Happy New Year! 2010 holds the promise of joyous learning, wonderful events, and beautiful music for Tucson Junior Strings.

I recently accepted the position of Board Chairman and I anticipate an exciting journey. My daughter, Isabella, graduated in the spring of 2009, after being a member of TJS for seven years. Her growth, as a person and a musician through the TJS Program, was inspiring. Under the direction of Dennis Bourret and with the dedicated help of the staff, board members, volunteers, and families, this is an incredible resource for the youth of Southern Arizona.

So why have I agreed to serve as board member and now as chairman? Because of a gift. The gift that Dennis, Anna, the coaches, and the members of the organization, in all capacities, gave Isabella, and indirectly, to me. It is an honor to serve on the board and I want to see the continual success of TJS for years to come.

I promise to work hard to continue this opportunity for all to benefit from. I cannot do this alone. I am fortunate to work with fellow board members who are willing to work tirelessly and donate time and resources generously to promote and produce the events and concerts. I would ask you, the members of the TJS Community, to help me in the months and years to come:

1) **PROMOTE TUCSON JUNIOR STRINGS.** Your recommendation of this program is the best advertising we have. Encourage budding musicians and other families to join. Promote TJS at your school, in your business community, and support the arts in Southern Arizona.

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Several people have missed important information because our email has gone to junk/spam file. We do send our emails to multiple addresses and your server may see it as junk/spam. Thanks for your attention to this.

A View From the Lobby . . . (Continued)

Additionally, I would ask you to bring a friend, share the concert information with your colleagues or friends who may not have heard about TJS.

2) **VOLUNTEER** with the various committees: Concerts, Yearbook, Ad Sales, Silent Auction/Spaghetti Dinner. Help out setting up or taking down the rehearsal spaces.

3) **CONSIDER TJS IN ANNUAL GIVING.** We are a non-profit organization and with your financial support continue to provide the incredible opportunity to the young musicians of Tucson.

Volunteer Information

If you would like to become more involved in Tucson Junior Strings as a volunteer, we have a number of committees that could use your input.

Grant Writing **Concerts** **Alumni**
Parton Drive **Publicity** **Spaghetti Dinner**

Silent Auction **Yearbook Production**

Yearbook Advertisement Solicitation

Please contact:

John Archuleta, Volunteer Coordinator
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or

Any of the Contact Information Numbers

Silent Auction: Now is the perfect time to start contacting businesses for donations of gift certificates, etc. If you are doing some early spring cleaning, we would love your new or almost new items. We will announce when we will begin accepting donations at future rehearsals. The Silent Auction committee chairpersons (Mike and Donna Wohlleb) will be contacting volunteers for assistance with this committee, so be watching for more info from us. Our email address is: wohlleb1@aol.com

We hope that every TJS family will personally help out with our major fundraisers, which are the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction and the advertising solicitation for our yearbook.

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