



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

Welcome to Our Winter Concert

A Message from the President...

Greetings from the BAOC!

We had such a wonderful turn-out of parents and families attending the Fall BAOC concerts in October, and if you are reading this newsletter, awaiting the start of your child's Winter concert, I'm sure you will once again enjoy a beautiful musical experience.

Congratulations to all of the All-Region and All-State winners. You make BAOC proud! And thank you, once again, to the directors, board members and other volunteers who help to make this program a success!

As we rush headlong into the holidays, let us take time to enjoy the music that surrounds this season...and to appreciate the musicians.

Wishing you wonderful holidays, accompanied by musical cheer,



Sincerely,
Lynn Hoffman
President, BAOC

**All-Region
Orchestra
Concert/Clinic
Rockwall
Heath High
School**
December 9 & 10

*Good Luck,
Students!*

Visit the **BAOC website** at www.berknerorchestra.org

for information of orchestra calendars, activities, and archived newsletters.

Visit the **Charms website** at <https://www.charmsoffice.com/>

for secure information about your student account. BHS (9-12) Orchestra Students and Parents - use School Code: BerknerHSOrch.

Use BHS Student ID as your Charms Student ID number.

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Berkner Ram Orchestra

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Berkner Ramblings....

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Fall Concert** at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church. The students appreciated the opportunity to play in such a fine environment. As you may know, the BHS Symphony Orchestra submitted a recording from that night for the Texas Music Educators Honor Orchestra competition – and we are thrilled to announce that BHS placed 7th in the state of Texas! Congratulations to everyone involved in this outstanding effort.



Shortly after our fall concert, **All-Region Orchestra** auditions took place. Berkner's Orchestra students made quite a splash, earning 15 places in this year's organization. Representing BHS at the clinic/concert in December are:

VIOLIN: Thomas Baek, Garrett Jackson, Tiffany Wong, Tiffany Lin, Benjamin Su, David Cheung, James Lee, John Chang, Emily Lin, Daisy Su
 VIOLA: Lisa Sun
 CELLO: Hanna Choi, Will Hughes, Colin Horton
 BASS: Paul Gomez

Three Orchestra students are the returning principal (first-chair) players for their sections: Thomas Baek, 1st violin, Lisa Sun, viola, and Hanna Choi, cello. The All-Region orchestras will perform on Saturday, December 11th, at 4:00 p.m. at Rockwall Heath High School. There is no admission charge. It will be well worth the drive to hear the junior and senior high schools' finest players in concert.

Three of our Area students (recording for membership in the **All-State Orchestras**) made the second round of judging: violinists Thomas Baek and Garrett Jackson, and cellist Hanna Choi. Thomas will be representing the BHS Orchestras in February, when he will take his place as a member of the TMEA All-State Philharmonic Orchestra. This is Thomas' third year as an all-stater! Congratulations!

On October, 21, 35 Berkner and 4 Apollo students went to a concert of the **Dallas Symphony Orchestra** at the Morton H. Meyerson center. The group got to sit in the choral terrace, which is directly behind the orchestra and affords a fabulous view of everything that is going on.

October 23 was the night of the annual **Media Party** at BHS. In addition to the usual food and video games, nerf guns made an appearance in a "nerf war" that covered the entire Fine Arts wing!

The Senior String Quartet (Thomas Baek, Benjamin Su, Lisa Sun, and Hanna Choi) performed on November 5th at the **Ram Coffee House**. They were a huge hit with faculty and students alike, so we hope to put other ensembles from the BHS orchestras front and center at future events.

Apollo Junior High Panthers

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Apollo Orchestra Notes



The **Scary Party** on Wednesday, Oct. 27 was a huge success. Thanks to our parent volunteers who led the musical chairs game and helped with clean up. Our students rocked out to thrilling music and sang along with karaoke. Visitors included Lady Gaga, Big Bird and Mario.

Ten Apollo students from the Apollo Orchestra went to Rockwall-Heath on Saturday, Oct. 17 to audition for a position in the **All-Region Orchestra**. They competed against students from Garland, Mesquite and Rockwall. Congratulations to our students for all of their hard work and effort; we are very proud of you! Four of our students earned a spot in this prestigious group. Special honor: Nicole Radabaugh is first chair cello in her section!



Violins: Kelsey Aldridge and Elissa Dabaghi
 Violas: Daniel Choi
 Cello: Nicole Radabaugh

Sixth Grade Demonstration Concert was held on Monday, November 1 in the Apollo cafeteria. Thanks again to Lynn Hoffman for stepping up to coordinate the reception. We followed the concert with a presentation entitled The Top 10 Reasons to Attend Apollo. Our principal, Mr. Noteware, attended the concert and was available for questions during the reception.



Symphony Orchestra Officers Elected President: Kelsey Aldridge; Vice-President: Kayla Needham; Secretary: Nicole Radabaugh Treasurers: Emma Petty and Fiyona Yemane; Librarians: Caitlyn Rafael and Austin Wong

**Fund Raiser was delivered on Monday, Nov. 22, 2010. Students should be sure to distribute all products to their customers.



Upcoming Events



Apollo's **Winter Concert** will be in the Apollo Jr. High Cafeteria on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 PM. Students will wear their orchestra T-shirt and jeans. The Concert Orchestra will be performing *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*, *La Rejouissance* and *Holiday Magic* featuring *Hannukah O Hanukah*, *Jolly Old St. Nicholas* and *Dreydl, Dreydl*. The Symphony Orchestra will be performing *Themes from Vivaldi's Gloria*, *Pacem Noel*, *Sakura, Sakura*, and *French Carol*. Mr. Jason Todd, our student teacher will conduct on the program.



Northpark Concert – The Apollo orchestras will be performing at North Park Center on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 pm. The students will have time to look at the beautiful decorations and to do some shopping after the performance. Parents, please be at Apollo by 6:00 PM to pick up your student from this event.



Apollo Junior High will host the annual String Fling on Monday, January 24th. This performance will feature the 6th grade orchestra from all the elementary schools in the Berkner Cluster. Also featured will be the combined Symphony Orchestras from Apollo and Liberty. Parents are invited to attend the performance that evening.

Liberty Junior High Patriots

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Patriot Orchestra Notes



The **All-Region Orchestra** audition was on Saturday, October 16th and we had five students try-out. Those students were Lucy Collins, Ally DiCarlo, HeeChul Shin, HeeJin Shin, and Briquette Thompson. Congratulations to the following students who made it into the All-Region Orchestra: Lucy Collins on viola and HeeJin Shin on cello! They will be performing on Saturday, December 11th at Rockwall Heath High School.



The **Liberty JH/Liberty Cluster 6th Grade Winter Concert** will be on Monday, December 6th in the Liberty Large Gym. Students will be wearing nice, Sunday attire. Call time is 6:00 pm for all students so we can tune and get ready for the performance. All orchestra parents, families, and friends are invited to this spectacular event.



Spotlight on Liberty was on Thursday, October 28th and it was a very fun evening. Incoming 6th graders got to come and check out Liberty JH. The Advanced Orchestra performed in the cafeteria and some of the 6th graders even got to meet the Liberty Orchestra students and ask them questions about being in orchestra at LJH.



Our **Fall Fundraiser** has officially started with Express Fundraising! The students are having a blast selling chocolates and other holiday goodies! Orders were due Friday, November 19th and their orders will be ready right before Winter Break.

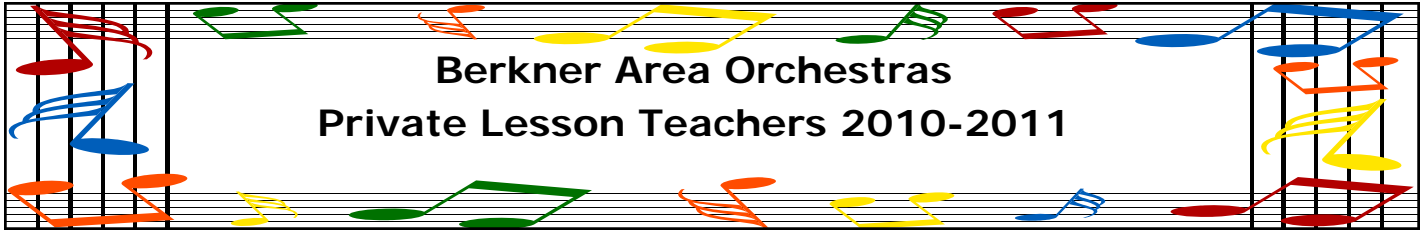


The **Mark Wood Clinic and Concert** was a blast! Ten Liberty JH students attended this event and they had so much fun performing Viva La Vida, Yellow Submarine, Eleanor Rigby, and much more with Mark Wood! They also got to meet Mark Wood personally and have a question and answer session with him!



Berkner Area Orchestras Calendar

Date	School	Event	Time	Location
December 6, 2010	Liberty	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Large Gym
December 6, 2010	Apollo	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
December 7, 2010	BHS	Winter Concert	7:00 p.m.	BHS Cafeteria
December 9, 2010	BHS	All Region clinic and Concert	7:00—11:00 p.m.	Rockwall Heath High School
December 10, 2010	BHS	All Region clinic and Concert	7:00—11:00 p.m.	Rockwall Heath High School
January 24, 2011	BHS Cluster 6th graders with Jr High Orchestra	String Fling	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Gym
February 22, 2011	BHS	Pre-UIL Concert	TBA	Berkner HS
February 25, 2011	Jr. Highs	Eisemann Festival—Pre-UIL Concert (Advanced Orchestra)	TBA	Eisemann Center
March 7-8, 2011	BHS	UIL Orchestra Contest	TBA	West Mesquite HS
March 9-10, 2011	Liberty	UIL Orchestra Concert & Sight reading Contest (Advanced Orch)	TBA	Rockwall Heath HS
March 10 or 11, 2011	Apollo	UIL Orchestra Concert & Sight Reading Contest (Symphony/Concert)	TBA	Rockwall Heath HS
March 22-23, 2011	BHS	Council of PTA's Concert	TBA	Lake Highlands HS
March 31 - April 4, 2011	BHS	Spring Trip to Corpus Christi	TBA	Corpus Christi
April 19, 2011	BHS	RISD HS Chamber Music Festival Festival	TBA	Lake Highlands HS
April 21, 2011	Apollo	RISD JH Chamber Music Festival Festival	5—8 p.m.	Lake Highlands HS
May 3, 2011	Apollo	Sneak Preview of Peak Music Festival, Full Orchestra	6:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
May 5, 2011	Apollo	Peak Music Festival, Full Orchestra	7:00 p.m.	Murchison Performing Arts Center
May 7, 2011	BHS	Orchestra Banquet	TBA	Oakridge Country Club
May 12, 2011	Apollo	Apollo Recruiting Concert	TBA	TBA
May 13, 2011	Apollo	Apollo Sandy Lake Festival	TBA	Sandy Lake
May 19, 2011	Liberty	Liberty Spring Concert	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Large Gym
May 19, 2011	Apollo	Apollo Spring Concert	7:00 p.m.	Apollo Cafeteria
May 24, 2011	BHS	Grand Finale Concert	7:00 p.m.	Berkner Auditorium
June 5, 2011	BHS	Graduation	8:30 p.m.	Garland Activity Center

**VIOLIN/VIOLA**

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VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO/BASS (Through book 4 of Suzuki)

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* denotes teachers who come to the schools.