



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

CONGRATS TO BERKNER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Texas Music Educators Association held its annual High School String Honor Orchestra competition in October. Every year, the best orchestras from across the state of Texas submit recordings for this competition, and this year there were 33 entries. The Berkner Symphony Orchestra came in **2nd place in the state** and will be honored at the TMEA convention in San Antonio in February as Honor Orchestra Runner-up for 2005-2006. This is a great honor for these students and for Berkner. **We can't say it enough.....Congratulations!**



Message from the President...

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

My gracious! It's hard to believe we are already almost halfway through the school year. I think, where has the time gone? But upon reflection, it is plain to see where the time has gone. Each of the schools in the Berkner area –Liberty Junior High, and Apollo Junior High – plus Berkner have all been quite busy presenting orchestral programs, preparing for All Region and All State competition, and working with other fine arts departments to create and deliver outstanding events.

Once again our schools have held themselves to the highest level of performance. We all are, and rightly should be, delighted with the results of the All Region competition. Our young musicians – your children – have demonstrated the quality of our programs and the value of their discipline and hard work. Our student musicians distinguished themselves in the All Region competition with 23 Berkner, 14 Apollo Junior High, and 2 Liberty Junior High students being selected to the All Region orchestra. In addition, five students from Berkner were recognized as members of the All State orchestra. To top off all of these individual accolades, our Berkner Symphony Orchestra won second in the state competition and will be honored at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in February.

Here's hoping you and your family enjoy the holiday time together and come back "rarin' to go" for the remainder of the school year.

Best wishes to all,

Beverly Beach

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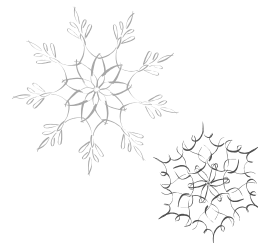
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BAOC Information

Upcoming Concerts...we hope to see you there!

- Tues, Dec 6th at 7 pm, **APOLLO WINTER CONCERT** at BHS auditorium
- Tues, Dec 6th at 8 pm, **BERKNER WINTER CONCERT** at BHS auditorium
- Thurs, Dec 8th at 7 pm, **LIBERTY WINTER CONCERT** at LJHS
- Mon, Jan 23rd, **"STRING FLING"** for all 6th graders & selected 7th graders, at Apollo JHS — time to be determined
- Fri & Sat, Jan 27 - 28, **ALL-REGION CLINIC AND CONCERT** at BHS (the public is welcome to attend the concert on Jan 28 at 4 pm)



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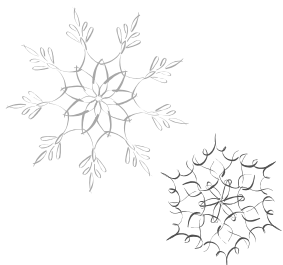
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<http://www.baoc.us/>

for teacher bios, event calendars, listing of private lesson teachers, listing of board members, previous newsletters, photos, fun links, and much more!

BAOB Mission Statement:

BAOB's aim is to support and promote the RISD orchestras in the Berkner area. Our commitment is to:

- Ensure that the financial support is in place to allow the orchestras freedom of choice with regard to concerts, competitions, and new instruments.
- Provide publicity to ensure enhanced community interest in our orchestras.
- Encourage larger audience attendance at the concerts from both within and outside the area schools.
- Support the orchestra directors whenever possible to allow them more time to do what they do best...teach.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS...
from the Berkner Area Orches-



Berkner Ram Orchestra

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Berkner RAMblings....

All-State Orchestra

Congratulations to the following Berkner All-State Orchestra students:

Erika Sherhart – 9th grade – violin

Eugene Baek – 11th grade – violin

Amanda Su – 12th grade – violin

Stacy Yaun – 10th grade – viola 7th in the state!!!

Samuel Lee – 10th grade – cello

Making an All-State Orchestra represents the highest achievement for a high school musician. The students spend months preparing professional level music in preparation for a one time shot at making a recording. The recording is then judged against the best students from around the state. These five students will get to rehearse and perform with the All-State orchestras in San Antonio in February at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention.

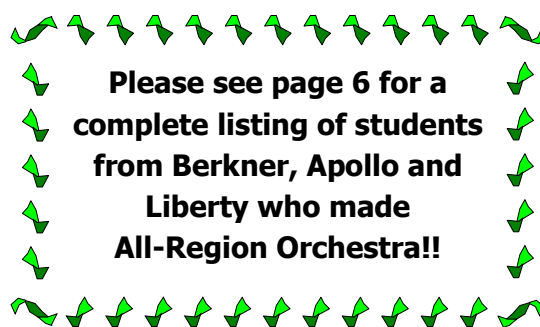
Private Lessons/Step-up Instruments — When it comes to music performance, success is never an accident! Proper instruction by a qualified private instructor and the purchase of a quality instrument are not just lofty ideas, they form the basis for success in music. Without private lessons, most students only scratch the surface of what is available to them through music. A quality instrument opens new doors to the musician, encourages a sense of pride, and has an immediate impact on the student's success. A quality instrument will also increase in value over time. Please see page 7 in this newsletter or visit our website at www.baoc.us for a list of qualified teachers in the area or talk with any of the BHS area orchestra directors for more information.

Movie Night — Why would a kid actually want to spend a Saturday evening at school? Three words – pizza, movies, and friends! On Saturday, November 12, about 70 orch dorks gathered at BHS for movie night. We watched "The Incredibles" and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" and good times were had by all. I doubt that any of us will ever be the same!!!

A noticeable sugar high — Making all area dentists happy, the BHS orchestra sold close to 7000 candy bars to unsuspecting BHS students in a two week period before Thanksgiving. Ms. Paderewski is considering changing her occupation to full time accountant since she seems to be doing more adding than teaching these days. We have one more fundraiser to go and that will take place in the spring.

Dallas Symphony trip — On Thursday December 1, 40 BHS students and their teachers traveled via DART rail downtown to the Meyerson Symphony Center to take in a concert by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. We are so blessed to have a world class orchestra and venue within our grasps. Who knows, maybe someday one of these BHS kids will perform on that stage with this orchestra!

Spring Trip \$\$ — We have 109 students that have signed up to go on our Spring trip to Corpus Christi! A trip payment of \$100 is due before Christmas break (bringing the total amount paid up to \$150). Please help us by making sure that you are up to date with your payments. Checks should be made payable to BAOC.



Apollo Junior High Panthers

Director: Lynne Thornton/469-593-8015/e-mail: lynne.thornton@risd.org

Assistant Director: Jody Cies/469-593-8016/e-mail: jody.cies@risd.org

Apollo Orchestra News....

Collin Creek Mall Concert — Apollo orchestras played holiday music at Collin Creek Mall on Friday, December 2 from noon to 12:30. After entertaining shoppers, students enjoyed lunch in the mall before returning to school.

Winter Concert — Apollo's winter concert will be held in combination with Berkner's Winter concert this year on Tuesday, December 6 in the Berkner High School Auditorium. Apollo will perform at 7 pm and Berkner will perform at 8 pm.

Opportunity to "STEP UP" your instrument — Apollo is sponsoring a step up instrument drive at Williamson's Music Co on December 8, 2005 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Any Berkner Area student may come and shop for an instrument or bow of higher quality that evening and take advantage of Williamson's special prices just for us. This is especially advantageous if you are already renting from Williamson's, but anyone is welcome. By the time most string students get to Berkner, they will need a better quality instrument than the student rental models. Williamson's is located at 701 E Plano Parkway #414.



Salvation Army Christmas Angels — Apollo students are collecting money for their annual support of the Salvation Army Christmas Angels. So far students have collected over \$100 in spare change. The students have selected a 13-year-old girl from the Angel Tree and, as in the past, orchestra officers will go shopping to purchase the gift items. Thank you, students, for continuing this wonderful tradition of helping others.

"String Fling" — Presented by Apollo and Liberty, this annual concert involving 6th and 7th grade students from the entire BAOC cluster will take place at Apollo on the evening of Jan. 23rd. The time is still to be determined. After practicing several songs together, pizza and soft drinks will be served to the students at a cost of \$3 per student. The evening will finish with a wonderful concert for parents in the Apollo gym.

January Fundraiser — Apollo kicks off their spring fundraiser with frozen baked goods from Kolodziej's. With luck, we will have samples for tasting at the String Fling.

Please see page 6 for a listing of Apollo's All-Region students....

Liberty Junior High Patriots

Director: David Cook/ 469-593-7836 /e-mail: david.cook@risd.org

Liberty Orchestra News....

Congratulations! All-Region Orchestra winners:

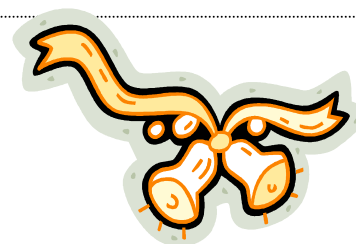
Brian Chen 6th chair 1st violin section

Carol Liu 14th chair 1st violin section

Bryan and Carol will participate in the All-Region Clinic and Concert on Friday and Saturday January 27 & 28 to be held at Berkner H.S.

Winter Concert —

Thursday, December 8th, 7:00 pm, Liberty Cafeteria



The Advanced Orchestra will perform:

Sleigh Ride

Two Christmas Favorites, A medley of *Greensleeves* and *Carol of the Bells*

DECK-orations, Theme and variations of *Deck the Halls*

The Holly and the Ivy, arranged by Chip Davis of Mannheim Steamroller

This piece will feature:

Diane Stout, Flute

Mrs. Ann Bailey, Piano (Mrs. Bailey teaches Math at LJH)

Cameron Prince & Uchenna Anyiam, Percussion

The Intermediate Orchestra will perform:

Holiday Bells

A Shaker Hymn

6th Grade Orchestra String Fling —

The 6th grade orchestra students are looking forward to their next performance on Monday, January 23rd. This year's String Fling will be held at Apollo JH. This concert will feature all the Berkner Area Elementary Orchestra students, approximately 110 players. A combined 7th grade orchestra from Apollo and Liberty will also perform.

More BAOC Information

All-Region Results

The Berkner Area Orchestras will be well represented by the following students in the Middle School/Junior High and High School All-Region III Orchestras in January. All-Region tryouts for Region III included schools in Richardson, Garland, Mesquite, and Allen.

Congratulations to all the students who auditioned and the following students who made the orchestras:

Berkner High School:

Violin — Erika Sherhart, Amanda Su, Ashley Witherspoon, Henry Law, Eugene Baek, James Wang, Anthony Cheng, Samuel Wu, Alyssa Concha, Jessica Kwon, Justin Ma, and Luyi Zheng

Viola — Stacy Yuan, Bonny Su, Jessica Co, and Amy Parsoneault

Cello — Jason Ma, Samuel Lee, Christine Lin, Judy Huang, and James Kershaw

Bass — Casey Hodges and J.L. Wilson

Apollo Junior High:

Violin — Thomas Baek, Benjamin Su, Jackie Lin, Wesley Lue, Daisy Su, Ralph Lee, and Allison Linsteadt, alternate.

Viola — Marissa Holiwell, James Aiuvalasit, and Emily Hoffman

Cello — Amber Parsoneault and Hannah Choi, alternate.

Bass — Bryan Co

Harp — Lydia Villarreal

Liberty Junior High:

Violin — Bryan Chen and Carol Liu

These students will have the opportunity to rehearse and perform with other students from around the region on Friday and Saturday, January 27 & 28 at our own Berkner High School. On Saturday, January 28, they will be featured in a concert beginning at 4 pm in the BHS auditorium.

Schedule:

Rehearsal	January 27, 2006	Berkner High School	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Rehearsal	January 28, 2006	Berkner High School	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Concert	January 28, 2006	Berkner High School	4:00 pm



Berkner Area Orchestras Private Lesson Teachers 2005-06

VIOLIN/VIOLA

AnnMarie DeMattia (Plano/Campbell).....	972-644-8568
Ronald Houston (near Rich. Med. Ctr.).....	972-423-0566
Natalie Kharlova.....	972-943-3487
Inga Kroll (BHS Area).....	972-437-6659
*Larry Lattanzi (BHS Area).....	214-868-6925
Ruslan Lisovoy.....	972-669-9651
Ute & Mark Miller (Dallas).....	214-887-8611
Bruce Patti.....	972-407-0767
*Linda Proch.....	972-691-1508
Motoi Takeda.....	214-691-6989

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

David Large (Grove/Highland, near Terrace Elem.).....	972-907-1530
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VIOLA

*Sarah Myers.....	972-490-5305
Kristi Swanson (Hillcrest/Beltline).....	972-980-4460
*Peggy Tucker (near Dartmouth Elem.).....	972-783-1110

CELLO

Phil Cimbalo.....	972-567-4175
Beth Conway.....	972-414-3818
Janet Dugger.....	972-231-2744
Jim Higgins.....	972-699-9219
Jung Shin Lewis (RHS area).....	972-248-0716
Janet Paderewski (BHS area).....	972-644-3520

BASS

Lee Ewing (Plano).....	972-867-5055
Jonathan Fisher (Miller Rd./Hwy. 78, Garland).....	972-926-6227
Ray Winkler (Plano).....	972-618-3176

HARP

Juliet and YvonneBuchanan (Dallas).....	214-324-2519
Patricia Diers.....	817-440-2818
Denise Holland (Rowlett).....	972-475-2943

***Bold denotes teachers who come to the schools.**