



# Berkner Area Orchestra Club

## **BHS Symphony is FIRST in the State!!!**

The BHS Symphony was recently named the TMEA High School String Honor Orchestra for 2006-2007. Competing against 30 other groups from across the state, BHS was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> by the judges in the preliminary round and in the final round. As a result of this honor, the BHS symphony will be performing at the Texas Music Education Association Convention, held in San Antonio, on February 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. The TMEA Convention is the largest music convention in the country.

This is the highest honor that a music group can achieve in Texas. BHS was also the Honor Orchestra in 1987, exactly 20 years ago!

**We are extremely proud of this accomplishment!!!**

### Message from the Presidents...

Holiday greetings from the BAOC!

As you read through this issue of the newsletter, we think it's important to remember that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra of today, with encouragement and support, will be the high school orchestra of tomorrow. The simple but beautiful melodies will become the intricate and award-winning, the tentative will become the self-assured, and we will be there along the way, as parents and teachers, listening, encouraging, and guiding.

As we rush headlong into the holidays, we hope you will take time to really enjoy the music that surrounds us...and to appreciate the musicians!

Wishing you wonderful holidays, accompanied by musical cheer!!

**John and Amanda Aiuvalasit**

Co-Presidents '06-'07

Berkner Area Orchestra Club



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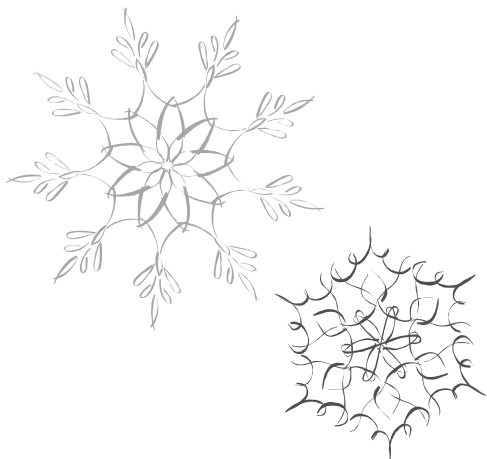
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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS...

## from the Berkner Area Orchestra Club



# BAOC Information



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

- Tues., Dec. 5 — BHS Symphony Orchestra @ Yale Elem. Blue Ribbon Ceremony, 7:00
- Thurs., Dec. 7 — BHS Winter Concert – BHS Auditorium — 7:00
- Mon., Dec. 11 — Apollo Jr. High Orchestra, Band and Choir will perform @ BHS Auditorium. Orchestra will perform at 7:45
- Weds., Dec. 13 — Liberty Orchestra Winter Concert @ Liberty Small Gym—7:00
- Mon., Jan. 29 — String Fling Concert, Apollo and Liberty Junior High @ LJH large gymnasium—Time TBD

## Berkner Area Orchestra Club Directories are Here!

A big “Thank you” goes out to Amanda Aiuvalasit for her hard work in compiling the information in this helpful resource.

Some of you may be wondering... ***“How do I make payments for Orchestra fees such as trip deposits, private lessons, etc.?”***

Below are a few tips:

- 1) Make your check payable to: BAOB (Berkner Area Orchestra Club)
- 2) Write your child’s name in the “For” line on the check
- 3) Have your child put the check into an envelope and put it in the safe in the Orchestra Office. Envelopes are provided and should be labeled with their name and the reason for the payment.
- 4) If paying with cash, please put the payment in a sealed envelope with your child’s name on it and with the reason for payment.

## 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.

**Be sure to visit the Berkner Area Orchestra Club website for information,**

**calendars, updates and more. Just go to:**

**<http://www.baob.us/>**



# Berkner Ram Orchestra

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## Berkner RAMblings....

**\*\*\*All-Region Orchestra** – BHS hosted the MS/HS All Region Orchestra auditions on October 21. BHS had 21 students make the High School All Region Orchestra and two alternates.

### **VIOLIN**

Carol Liu  
Eugene Baek  
Alyssa Concha  
Anthony Cheng  
Justin Ma  
Jackie Lin  
Max Bathman  
Wesley Lue  
Peter Yeh  
David Shu  
Tim Isaac (1st alternate)

### **VIOLA**

Stacy Yuan  
Jose Machuca  
Amy Parsonneault  
Jessica Co  
Bonny Su (1st alternate)

### **CELLO**

Samuel Lee  
Christine Lin  
Paul Hwang  
Audrey Su  
Matthew Wong

### **BASS**

Maggie Aiuvalasit  
Lauren Jacobsen

Special Recognition goes to section leaders Samuel Lee, Stacy Yuan, and Eugene Baek. The All Region Clinic and Concert is on January 20-21, 2007 at West Mesquite High School.

**\*\*\*All-State Orchestra** — Making an All State Orchestra is one of the highest achievements in music and one of the most difficult to attain. We are proud this year to have two students representing BHS as All State Orchestra members.

### ***Congratulations to Stacy Yuan and Samuel Lee!!!***

Both of these talented musicians made it into the top performing group at TMEA, the Symphony Orchestra. Stacy is making her 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance at State and Samuel his 3<sup>rd</sup>! This is truly a remarkable achievement!

**\*\*\*RISD HS Chamber Music Festival** – On November 18, Lake Highlands High School hosted the annual RISD Chamber Music Festival. This year's event is being held on two different dates, one for High School and one for Middle School. The following BHS students received a rating of Superior (I)

**Solos:** James Aiuvalasit, Maggie Aiuvalasit, Halima Arevalo, Max Bathman, Anthony Cheng, Jessica Co, Marisa Holliwell, Tim Issac, Christine Lin, Kristine Marshall, Nancy Ngo, Amber Parsonneault, Amy Parsonneault, David Shu, Audrey Su (Honor Award), Bonny Su, Johnny Villareal, Lydia Villareal, Peter Yen, Stacy Yuan (Honor Award)

**Ensembles:** Eugene and Thomas Baek; ,Halima Arevalo and Cynthia Cisneros; Winnie Guan and Annie Lam; Max Bathman, Laura Crinella, Winnie Guan, Annie Lam, Jae Park, David Shu, Cindy Tan, and Peter Yeh.

**Honor Awards**— Beyond making a first division rating, Stacy Yuan and Audrey Su were given Honor Awards.

***Congratulations to these fine musicians!***

# Berkner Ram Orchestra

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## Berkner RAMblings.... Continued

**Strings on the marching field???** That's right folks; Samuel Lee made his marching band debut this year performing on an electric cello on the sidelines with the "Mighty Ram Band". The band made it to the State Finals this year and came in 9<sup>th</sup> place. No doubt Samuel had a part in their success! Even with Samuel's successful performance, the Orchestra does not have future plans to take over the pep rallies or march at the football games! We'll let the band handle that!

**A Scavenger Hunt, Two Movies, and a Chess Board?** This is not the title of the latest cinematic feature out of Hollywood, it describes the Orchestra social event that took place at BHS on October 14. Yes, movie night made its triumphant return and a great time was had by all. Only at an Orchestra social event would you find students playing Chess! We are proud of our name.....The few, the proud, the Ork Dorks!

**CHARMS update** – This is a reminder to check your Charms account frequently. Please update your profile if you have any changes – phone, e-mail, address, etc. Parents will soon have the ability to make financial payments using a Credit/Debit card via a Pay Pal account accessible through Charms.

To log onto Charms:

Go to [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com)

Under the Parent/Student login type "berknerhsorch" and click enter

Enter student ID/Password – this is the student's school ID number minus the leading zeros

If you have changed your password and cannot remember it, please let one of the directors know and we can reset your password back to your school ID.

**Breckenridge Trip Payments) due/overdue** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Breckenridge payment is due December 7. Several people have indicated that they want to go, but have not paid the first deposit that was due in October! By December 7, each student that is going on the trip should have a **trip balance of \$200**. Fundraising money can be applied to the trip, but only after all fees are paid. Please communicate with Mr. Needham if you are having trouble making your payments. The letter that was sent out detailing the trip is available in the "Handouts" section of Charms.

**Winter Concert** – The BHS Orchestras will present their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. in the Berkner Auditorium. The BHS Symphony will also perform on December 5 at the Blue Ribbon Ceremony at Yale Elementary. We look forward to seeing you at these events!



# Apollo Junior High Panthers

**Director: Lynne Thornton/469-593-8015/e-mail: [lynne.thornton@risd.org](mailto:lynne.thornton@risd.org)**

**Assistant Director: Jody Cies/469-593-8016/e-mail: [jody.cies@risd.org](mailto:jody.cies@risd.org)**



## Apollo Orchestra News....

### **Apollo Winter Concert**—We are excited

about performing at Berkner High School on Monday, Dec. 11. It will be an Apollo Junior High Music Extravaganza. All music programs from Apollo including the choir, orchestra and band. will be featured that evening. The Concert Orchestra will perform *Bach Country Fiddles*, *We Three Kings Rock* and *A Christmas Treat*. Symphony Orchestra will perform *Russian Sailor's Dance*, *The Christmas Song*, *Carol of the Bells/ Greensleeves* and the Full Orchestra will perform *Engines of Resistance*. The orchestra's portion of the program will begin around 7:45 p.m.



**All-Region-** Congratulations to all of the Apollo students who auditioned for the All-Region Orchestra. Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Cies are very proud of your hard work. The following students earned a spot in the orchestra:

**Bass**—Kathryn Siverling

**Cellos**—Daniel Machuca, Rebecca Yen—2<sup>nd</sup>, Hanna Choi—1<sup>st</sup> chair

**Violas**—Lisa Sun—1<sup>st</sup> chair

**Violins**—Yuval Kavosh (Big Springs Elementary), Kimberly Larson, Tiffany Lin, Daisy Su, Tiffany Wong, Stephen Zhang (Yale Elementary), Thomas Baek—2<sup>nd</sup> chair, and Benjamin Su--Concertmaster



**Upcoming Events-** The Apollo orchestras will be performing at NorthPark Center on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the afternoon. 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 fun event.



**String Fling**—Liberty Junior High will host the annual String Fling on **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. This performance will feature the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra from all the elementary schools in the Berkner Cluster. Also featured will be the combined 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestras from Apollo and Liberty.

The evening will begin with joint rehearsals for the 6th grade beginners and the joint intermediate orchestras followed by a snack supper of pizza and soft drinks at a cost of \$3 per student. Parents are invited to hear the concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Liberty gym.



# Liberty Junior High Patriots

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

Liberty Orchestra News....

## Concert Calendar

December Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

@ Liberty JH Small Gym

All Orchestra students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be performing on the December concert. Featured music will include "Themes from the Nutcracker" by Tchaikovsky, "Ukrainian Bell Carol", "Jingle Bell Rock" as well as several popular seasonal carols. The concert will conclude with a mass performance of the traditional "Jingle Bells".

The Advanced Orchestra will be wearing their concert dress uniform. All other students should dress in nice holiday appropriate clothing.

**Students should be in their seats for tuning and warm up by 6:37pm.**

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## String Fling @ Liberty

Liberty will host the annual String Fling on **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. This performance will feature the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra from all the elementary schools in the Berkner Cluster. Also featured will be the combined 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestras from Apollo and Liberty.

The evening will begin with joint rehearsals for the 6th grade beginners and the joint intermediate orchestras followed by a snack supper of pizza and soft drinks at a cost of \$3 per student. Parents are invited to hear the concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Liberty gym. Watch for more information.

***The Liberty Orchestra students and director would like to congratulate the Berkner Orchestra on their selection as TMEA Honor Orchestra for 2006 2007.***



## Concert Tour

The Liberty Symphonic Band and Advanced Orchestra will be touring three of our elementary schools on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will present our Holiday Concert for the students at Audelia Creek, Forestridge and Richland.



Audelia Creek Orchestra students and their teacher, Ms. Paderewski after the October Concert at Liberty.

## Berkner Area Orchestras Private Lesson Teachers 2006-07

### 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
<b>*Larry Lattanzi (BHS Area).....</b>	<b>214-868-6925</b>
Ruslan Lisovoy.....	972-669-9651
Ute & Mark Miller (Dallas).....	214-887-8611
<b>*Amanda Nix.....</b>	<b>214-693-4101</b>
Bruce Patti.....	972-407-0767
<b>*Linda Proch.....</b>	<b>972-691-1508</b>
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

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

### 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
<b>Matt Epperson.....</b>	<b>903-312-6244</b>

### 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 Yvonne Buchanan (Dallas).....	214-324-2519
Patricia Diers.....	817-440-2818
Denise Holland (Rowlett).....	972-475-2943

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



## 2006/2007 — BHS Orchestra Calendar

All times are P.M. unless noted. Events marked with an asterisk are optional—***ALL OTHER EVENTS ARE APART OF THE COURSE EXPECTATIONS.*** Students with jobs should give their employer a copy of this calendar and keep them updated in regard to possible revisions, as **work is not an excuse for absence.**

### December

December 5	Symphony Orchestra @ Yale Elem. Blue Ribbon Ceremony	7:00
December 7	Winter Concert – BHS	7:00
December 7	Trip Payment Due (\$150)	

### January

January 8	Spring semester begins	
January 12	Trip Payment Due (\$150)	
January 10, 17, 24, 31	Symphony Full Orchestra Rehearsals	4-6:30
January 16, 22, 29	Philharmonic Full Orchestra Rehearsals	
January 19-20	All-Region Clinic and Concert	

### February

February 5,12,19,26	Philharmonic Full Orchestra Rehearsals	
February 7, 12, 21, 28	Symphony Full Orchestra Rehearsals	4-6:30
February 12	Final Trip Payment Due (\$180)	
February 15	TMEA/All-State Orchestra (San Antonio)	2:00
February 26/27	Pre-UIL Concert (BHS)	TBA

### March

March 5	Full Orchestra Rehearsals	4-6:30
March 6-7	UIL Orchestra Contest (PHS)	
March 9-16	Spring Break	
March 28	Council of PTA's (BHS)	
March 29-April 1	Breckenridge Trip	

### May

May 3	Grand Finale Concert	
May 12	Orchestra Banquet	



# 2006-2007 Apollo Junior High Intermediate Orchestra Calendar

## December

Tuesday, December 5—Rehearsal for Winter Concert, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., Apollo Orchestra Room

Monday, December 11—Winter Concert, Berkner HS Auditorium. Wear formal concert uniform. Apollo Band and Choir will also perform. Orchestra to perform at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6—The Apollo orchestras will be performing at NorthPark Center on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the afternoon.

## January

Friday and Saturday, January 19-20—Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert at location to be announced. This event involves only students who were accepted into the orchestra at the auditions on Oct. 21. Academic eligibility required. Wear formal concert uniforms.

Monday, January 29—Beginner and Intermediate pizza party and String Fling Concert, **Liberty Junior High** cafeteria and gymnasium, tentatively 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Wear orchestra t-shirts.

Wednesday, January 31—Kolodjiezs Fundraiser begins

## February

Saturday, February 10—RISD Chamber Music Festival at location to be announced in Lake Highlands Area. This event is encouraged, but not required. Specific times will be assigned. (Students may perform solos only if they are taking private lessons.) Wear dressy clothes. Academic Eligibility required.

## March

Wednesday, March 21 (Tentative)—Eisemann Center performance for those students chosen to participate in UIL Concert and Sightreading. Wear formal concert uniform. Academic Eligibility required. This will serve as our dress rehearsal for UIL Contest.

Tuesday or Wednesday, March 27-28—Orchestra UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest, time to be announced, location probably at Poteet HS in Mesquite. Wear formal concert uniform. Academic Eligibility and director approval required.

## May

Thursday, May 3—7:00 p.m., Berkner Area Grand Finale Concert, Berkner HS Auditorium. Wear formal concert uniform.

# Liberty Orchestra

## 2006-2007 Calendar of Events

### December

Friday, December 8th	Symphonic Band/Advanced Orchestra Elementary Holiday Concert Tour	
<b>Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Liberty Orchestra Winter Concert @ Liberty Small Gym</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

### January

Fri/Sat, January 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>	All-Region Clinic and Concert Time/Location later	
<b>Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>String Fling for Intermediate &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Liberty Large Gym</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

### March

Wednesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eisemann Festival for Advanced	Time later
Tues or Wed, March 27 or 28	UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest @ Poteet HS in Mesquite	Time later

### April

April	Spring Fundraiser	
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### May

Thursday, May 3	Annual BAOC Finale Concert @ BHS auditorium	reh. at 6:00pm performance at 7:00pm
Tues – Fri, May 8 – 11	Sandy Lake Funfest Music Festival	Date TBA
<b>Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Liberty Orchestra Spring Concert @ Liberty Small Gym</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
Saturday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Trip to Hurricane Harbor	