



Berkner Area Orchestra Club

Message from the Presidents...



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, we know you will once again enjoy a beautiful musical experience.

We want to congratulate all of the All-Region and All-State winners. You make BAOC proud! And we want to thank, once again, the BAOC board members and other volunteers who help to make our program a success!!

Wishing you wonderful holidays, accompanied by musical cheer,

John and Amanda Aiuvalasit

Co-Presidents '07 – '08

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS...
from the Berkner Area Orchestra Club

Berkner Ram Orchestra

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Berkner RAMblings....

*****All-Region Orchestra*****

Congratulations to these fine musicians!

Members of the 2007 All-Region Orchestra from BHS are:

Violin: Carol Liu (Concertmaster!), Thomas Baek, Justin Ma, Anthony Cheng, Alyssa Concha, Jackie Lin, Benjamin Su, David Shu, Cindy Tan, Daisy Su, Tim Issac

Viola: Stacy Yuan, Jose Machuca (Lisa Sun, Alternate)

Cello: Samuel Lee (Principal!), Christine Lin, Matthew Wong, Hanna Choi (Daniel Machuca, Alternate)

Bass: Maggie Aiuvalasit (Lauren Jacobsen, Alternate)

Harp: Lydia Villarreal

Special congratulations to our All-State Orchestra members: Stacy Yuan (3rd year!) and Samuel Lee (4th year – perfect record!). Carol Liu is an alternate. They will attend the Texas Music Educators Association convention in February.

The Orchestra goes to the Symphony! In a marvelous combination of social event and educational experience, 50 members of the BHS orchestras went to hear the Dallas Symphony on October 11th. The program was the 5th and 6th symphonies of Beethoven under the baton of new DSO Music Director Jaap van Zweden. Making this a truly memorable event is the fact that this was Maestro van Zweden's debut conducting the DSO! Students, directors, and parents had a marvelous time. We hope to make another trip in the spring.

2008 Spring Trip! Speaking of trips in the spring, remember that your \$50 deposit for the trip to Corpus Christi (April 10-14, 2008) is due before December 1st. Students MUST have all Orchestra fees paid in order to reserve a spot on this fantastic weekend of music and frolic. The total cost will be \$350. Payments may be made on the Charms website via PayPal at <http://www.charmsmusic.com>. Remember to log in as "berknerhsorch" under Student/Parent and that your password is the student ID number. (If the number begins with zeroes, please omit them.) You can also pay by check made out to BAOC.

Winter Concert! The BHS Orchestras are giving an all-Baroque concert on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. The Chamber Orchestra will perform the first movement of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #5 and Vivaldi's "Tempesta di Mare" ("Ocean Storm"). The Freshmen will also present a Brandenburg Concerto - #2 – and "La Rejouissance" from Handel's "Water Music Suite." Philharmonic students will play the Little Fugue in g minor by Bach and also several movements from Corelli's Concerto Grosso op. 6 #8. The Symphony will play Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3, the viola concerto by Telemann featuring Stacy Yuan, and Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Cellos with Samuel Lee and Christine Lin as soloists. The performance will be held in the BHS Auditorium.



Apollo Junior High Panthers

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Apollo Winter Concert

Apollo's Winter Concert will be in the Apollo Jr. High Cafeteria on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 PM. The Concert I Orchestra will be performing *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and *The Sounds of Hanukkah*. The Combined Concert Orchestras will be performing *Nightrider* and *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*. The Symphony Orchestra will be performing *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* and *Mother Ginger* from "*Nutcracker Suite*." All orchestras will perform the grand finale song which will be *Christmas Medley*. There will be a surprise guest that evening so please make sure and attend.

Apollo Orchestra News....



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:

Cello – Natalie Sobotka

Violin – Garrett Jackson (2nd chair), Tiffany Lin, Hunter Porter, Tiffany Wong and Steven Zhang

Violin Alternate – Jonathan Chari



North Park Performance

The Apollo orchestras will be performing at North Park Center on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 2:00 – 3:00 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 6:30 PM to pick up your student from this event.



String Fling

Liberty Junior High will host the annual String Fling on Monday, January 28th. This performance will feature the 6th grade orchestra from all the elementary schools in the Berkner Cluster. Also featured will be the combined 7th 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 PM in the Liberty gym.

Apollo Junior High Panthers

More Apollo Orchestra News....



San Antonio Trip

The Symphony Orchestra has been hard at work preparing music for their upcoming concert at the TMEA convention in San Antonio on February 15. Family and friends will get to hear a preview of three of the pieces on our full orchestra concert on December 18 at Berkner High School. Details of the itinerary for the trip are falling into place, so watch for more updates soon.



Scary Party

The Fine Arts Department of Apollo held a Scary Party on Monday, Oct. 29. There was tons of food and fun. The music teachers rocked on the song *Rolling on the River* with the karaoke machine. Thanks to the many parents and volunteers who spent hours in preparing, decorating and chaperoning the party including Loretta Porter, Rebecca Wood, Angela Baker, Celestina Jimenez and Deena Ellis.



Orchestra Officers: 3rd, 4th and 5th:

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Jenny Guan

Tiffany Lin

Yafa Al Hourani

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Viviana Arcibar

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Elementary Tour

Symphony Orchestra members will be visiting some of the Apollo feeder elementary schools this December to spread some holiday cheer and to encourage 5th graders to start thinking about playing an instrument next year. More details coming soon.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Mrs. Cies, Mrs. Thornton and the Apollo Orchestra students wish to express our deepest sympathy to Brianna Keeton for the recent loss of her grandmother who served as her primary caregiver until the summer of 2007, and to Isaiah Chavoya-Ellis for the recent and unexpected loss of his father.



Liberty Junior High Patriots

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Liberty Orchestra News....

Winter Concert

The Liberty Cluster will present a **Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 19th** at Liberty JH at 7:00pm in the Small Gymnasium. The concert will include the 6th Grade Orchestra, the Intermediate Orchestra and the Advanced Orchestra. A reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by LJH assistant principal, Daniel Pitcock will be accompanied by the Advanced Orchestra.

String Fling

Liberty will be hosting the annual "String Fling" on Monday, January 28th. This exciting concert will feature the 100 students of the combined Apollo and Liberty 6th Grade Orchestra plus the combined 7th Grade Orchestra from Apollo and Liberty. A mandatory rehearsal will take place at Liberty at 6:00pm followed by a Pizza dinner for the students. The Concert will begin at 7:30pm in the Gymnasium.

Fundraiser

The Liberty Orchestras just completed the sale of "Enjoy the City" coupon books. The orchestra profited \$700 from this sale. A few books are still available for anyone interested. We will be selling candy during January to raise additional funds for our program.

Private Lessons

We are pleased to have Janelle DiCarlo join our private teaching staff. Mrs. DiCarlo, a Jess Harben mom, will be available to teach violin, viola and cello. Her background as a classroom orchestra teacher makes her a valuable asset to our program. Parents may contact Mr. Cook for more information or to enroll their student in private lessons.

Contest Season

The Advanced Orchestra will be performing in several contests this Spring semester. The Eisemann Festival will be held on Wednesday, March 5th. The contest is a pre-UIL performance at the Eisemann Center. The annual UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13. Our day and time will be published later. We will be competing with the Middle School orchestras from Richardson, Garland and Mesquite. With proper focus and preparation we should do well at this contest. Both the Advanced and Intermediate Orchestras will attend the Sandy Lake Funfest in May. This event should be both musically rewarding and fun. The schedule will be announced later. Any parents who are available to attend any of these performances should contact Mr. Cook for further details.

Section Rehearsals

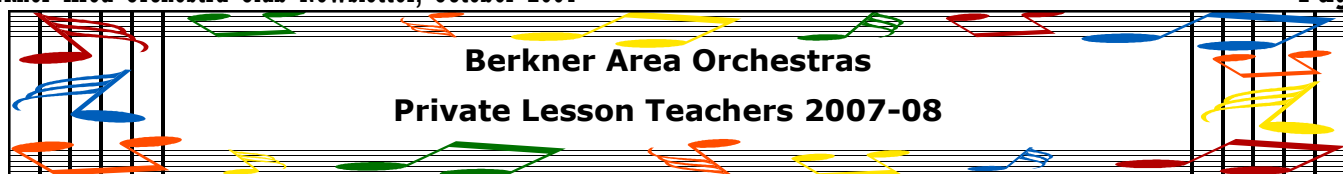
The Advanced Orchestra students will begin once/week after-school section rehearsals in January. A schedule of these rehearsals will be presented before the Winter Holidays. These extra rehearsals will be very important to the successful preparation of the UIL Contest music. Please help our orchestra by arranging for your child's attendance. These rehearsals will continue until the UIL contest in early March.

All-Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert



Friday and Saturday December 14, 15, Pearce HS - Liberty will be represented by 8th grader, Sandy An; 7th grader, James Lee and 6th graders, Mandy Kok and David Cheung from Jess Harben

Elementary. The concert will be at 4:00pm on Saturday, December 15th at Pearce HS.



VIOLIN/VIOLA

- 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
- Motoi Takeda.....214-691-6989

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

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

VIOLA

- *Sarah Myers.....972-490-5305**
- Kristi Swanson (Hillcrest/Beltline).....972-980-4460

CELLO

- Phil Cimbalo.....972-567-4175
- Beth Conway.....972-414-3818
- Janet Dugger.....972-231-2744
- Jim Higgins.....972-699-9219
- Jung Shin Lewis972-248-0716

BASS

- Jonathan Fisher (Dallas).....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.**



Berkner / Apollo / Liberty

Combined Event Calendar 2007–2008

| Date | School | Event | Time | Location |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| September 8, 2007 | BHS | Spring Park Fall Party | 5:00-9:00 p.m. | Spring Park Recreation Center |
| September 13, 2007 | Apollo | Popsicles in the Park | 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Huffines Park |
| September 13, 2007 | BHS | Passbook Fundraiser ends | none | BHS |
| September 27, 2007 | BHS | All Fees due | none | BHS |
| October 1, 2007 | Apollo | Symphony Orchestra Parent Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | Apollo Orchestra Room |
| October 16, 2007 | BHS | Fall Concert | 7:00 p.m. | St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church |
| October 17, 2007 | Apollo | Concert Orchestras 1 and 2 Rehearsal | 3:45-4:30 p.m. | Orchestra Room |
| October 18, 2007 | Apollo | Fall Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Apollo Cafeteria |
| October 20, 2007 | All | Region Orchestra Auditions | All Day | Pearce HS |
| October 25, 2007 | Liberty | Fall Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Liberty Cafeteria |
| October 27, 2007 | BHS | All State Taping | All Day | Lake Highlands Freshmen Center |
| October 30, 2007 | Liberty | 6th Grade Demo Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Liberty Cafeteria |
| October 30, 2007 | Apollo | 6th Grade Demo Concert | 7:00 | Apollo Cafeteria |
| November 1 | BHS | Dallas Symphony night | 6:30-11:00 p.m. | Meyerson Symphony Center |
| November | BHS | Candy Sales | none | BHS |
| November 13, 2007 | BHS | Berkner Benefit (Symphony Performs) | 7:00 p.m. | BHS Auditorium |
| December 3, 2007 | Apollo | Winter Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Apollo Cafeteria |
| December 11, 2007 | BHS | Winter Concert | 7:30 p.m. | BHS Auditorium |
| December 12, 2007 (tentative) | Apollo | Perform at North Park | 2:00 to 3:30 Pick up at 6:30 | North Park Mall |
| December 14-15 | All | All Region Clinic and Concert | check website | Pearce HS |
| December 18, 2007 | Apollo | Full Symphony Orchestra Concert | 7:00 p.m. | BHS Auditorium |
| December 19, 2007 | Liberty | Winter Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Liberty Small Gym |



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| January | BHS | Symphony and Philharmonic Full Orchestra Rehearsals | TBA | BHS |
| January 18, 2008 | Apollo | Full Symphony Orchestra Concert Clinic | 10:00-12:00 p.m. | Apollo Orchestra Room |
| January 28, 2008 | All 6th-8th grade | String Fling Concert | 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Liberty JH |
| February | Apollo | TMEA Send off Concert | TBA | Eisemann Center |
| February 13-16 | BHS | All State Students to TMEA | TBA | San Antonio |
| February 14-16 | Apollo | TMEA Trip | TBA | San Antonio |
| February 25, 2008 | Apollo | Apollo PTA Multicultural Night | evening | Apollo JH |
| February 28, 2008 | BHS | Pre UIL Concert | 6:00 p.m. | TBA |
| March 5, 2008 | Apollo/Liberty | Eisemann Center Pre UIL Performances | TBA | Eisemann Center |
| March 10-11 | BHS | UIL | TBA | John Horn HS |
| March 12-13 | Apollo/Liberty | UIL | TBA | Garland HS |
| March 14-21 | All | Spring Break | TBA | Party Time! |
| March 25, 2008 | BHS | Council of PTA's Concert (Symphony) | 9:00 a.m. | Lake Highlands HS |
| April 10-13 | BHS | Spring Trip to Corpus Christi | TBA | Corpus Christi |
| April 26, 2008 | All | RISD Chamber Music Festival | All Day | Pearce HS |
| May 5-16 | Elementary | 6th Grade Assessments | TBA | Individual Campus |
| May 8, 2008 | Apollo | Peak Music Festival (Symphony) | TBA | Murchison Performing Arts Center |
| May 10, 2008 | BHS | BHS Orchestra Banquet | TBA | TBA |
| May 12, 2008 | Apollo | Sandy Lake Music Festival (Concert 1 and 2) | TBA | Sandy Lake |
| May 14, 2008 | Apollo | 5th Grade Recruiting Concert (Symphony and Concert1) | TBA | Apollo JH |
| May 19, 2008 | All | Grand Finale Concert | 6:00 p.m. | BHS |
| May 29, 2008 | BHS | Senior Recognition Night | 6:00 p.m. | BHS Auditorium |
| June 7, 2008 | BHS | Graduation | TBA | Garland Events Center |

