



# Berkner Area Orchestra Club



**BHS Symphony Orchestra warms up on stage Thursday afternoon**

Members of the BHS Orchestras have been very busy during the 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks. As most of you know, the BHS Symphony Orchestra had the opportunity to perform at the Texas Music Educators' Association Convention on February 15<sup>th</sup>. They received this honor by being selected the first-place string orchestra in Texas based on a recording of their concert last October. The concert was attended by over 600 educators, musicians, students, and parents and was given multiple standing ovations.

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## Message from the Presidents...

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

Being orchestra parents has its good and bad points, from hearing beautiful music to reminding kids to practice. But every once in awhile a special moment occurs that will become a parent's lasting memory. For me, it was at the pre-TMEA concert on Tuesday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> of the Berkner Symphony Orchestra, at St. Barnabas. Those in attendance got to hear the program that the orchestra was preparing to play at the TMEA convention in San Antonio. Each piece was wonderful and so well played. The solos by Erika, Stacy, and Samuel were outstanding. I did not get to hear them in San Antonio, but Amanda went and said they sounded even better.

The last time BHS had this honor was twenty years ago. None of these students had been born yet! To achieve this honor took the extraordinary talent of the musicians, the skills and dedication of their directors, Mr. Needham, Mr. Davenport, and Ms. Paderewski, and support from the BHS principal Mr. Griffen and the RISD Administration.

It's hard to believe that the year is almost three-quarters done. We have a few spots open for next years board and are always looking for new volunteers to help out. If you are interested please give us a call at 972-470-9491 or email Amanda at [aaiuvala@tx.r.com](mailto:aaiuvala@tx.r.com) , or contact any board member or director and they will let us know of your interest.

**John and Amanda Aiuvalasit**

**BAOC Co-Presidents**

# BAOC Information

## BAOC Officer Position Descriptions:

**President** – presides over the monthly meetings and sets the time and date of each meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Newsletter** – This position is responsible for the BAOC newsletter. The newsletter is published four times per school year. Articles are submitted by the board members, orchestra directors and occasionally, the students. The person sets up the schedule including deadlines for articles to be submitted, the proposed contents for each newsletter and the posted date.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP Private Lessons** – This position is responsible for collecting and recording payments for private music lessons for students. The private lesson person also updates a spreadsheet and provides print-outs used for payment of the instructors.

**Secretary** – The position is responsible for taking notes during the meetings and notifying board members of upcoming board meetings.

**Treasurer** – The treasurer’s duties include writing checks, reconciling the bank account, preparing a monthly report and keeping a journal of checks and receipts for each school in the BAOC.

**Assistant Treasurer** – The assistant’s duties include counting the incoming money, and making deposits for each school in the BAOC.

**Directory** – Data is collected from the orchestra teachers of each school in the BAOC. The data consists of the student’s name, address, phone number, instrument, and their parents’ names. Drafts are prepared, returned to teachers for validation and final changes are made.

**Publicity** – The duties of this office include writing and submitting stories related to BAOC student activities to the newspaper or other free media publicity.

**Historian** – The historian’s duties include collecting photos, news articles, and other items pertaining to the BAOC students and their activities. The historian keeps an updated scrapbook of these various items and turns it in to the BAOC at the end of the year.

**Hospitality** - The duties of this office include contacting volunteers, obtaining supplies, arranging refreshments and overseeing events to ensure that they run smoothly.

**Webmaster** – The duties of this office are to update the website for BAOC.

## BAOC 2006-2007

### Board of Directors

President	John & Amanda Aiuvalasit
2nd VP Newsletter	Lynn Hoffman
3rd VP Private Lessons	Judy Scott
Secretary	Anna Balderas
Treasurer	Janey Lue
Asst. Treasurer	Barbara Kershaw
Directory	Amanda Aiuvalasit
Publicity	Joyce Lee
Historian	Lyndsey Theobald
Hospitality	Kathleen Kirchoff & Suzanne Holmes
Webmaster	Frank Baek

### Orchestra Directors

Berkner HS Director	Craig Needham
BHS Asst. Director	Mark Davenport
BHS Asst. Director	Janet Paderewski
Apollo JHS Director	Lynne Thornton
AJHS Asst. Director	Jody Cies
Liberty JHS Director	David Cook

Visit the BAOC website at <http://www.baoc.us/>

## BAOC Mission Statement:

BAOC’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.

# Berkner Ram Orchestra

**Director: Craig Needham / 469-593-7028 / e-mail: craig.needham@risd.org**

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**Assistant Director: Janet Paderewski / 469-593-8914 / e-mail: janet.paderewski@risd.org**

## Berkner RAMblings....

**UIL contest is coming up very soon.** On **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Freshman Orchestra will play at Pearce High School **at 2:25**. Their program is: Mock Morris by Percy Grainger, Variations on an Early American Hymn in an arrangement by Claude Smith (Carol Liu, Julia Rodriguez, Evan Wright, and Lydia Villarreal are featured as soloists on violin, viola, cello, and harp respectively), and Contrasts in e minor\* by Francis Feese.

The Philharmonic I Orchestra will play in the Pearce High School auditorium on **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. The concert begins **at 4:05**. Their program is: Russian Sailor's Dance by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Fantasia on a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Tune by Richard Stephan, and Danse Bacchanale by Camille Saint-Saëns.

The Symphony Orchestra will perform on **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:50** in the Pearce High School Auditorium. Their program is: Finlandia by Jean Sibelius, Por Una Cabeza by Carlos Gardel, and the finale from Symphony #8 by Antonin Dvorák.

**Spring Trip to Breckenridge.** Just three short weeks from UIL will be our fabulous spring trip to Breckenridge, Colorado! We can't wait to see our Orchestra friends (and teachers, and parents) on the ski slopes. Please make sure your students have appropriate clothing – and don't forget the sunscreen.

**The Grand Finale** featuring the elementary, junior high, and high school orchestras will be on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. **Please plan to attend this wonderful event!**



All-State Symphony members Stacy Yuan and Samuel Lee pose with Mr. Needham after a marvelous concert.



Students rehearsing in the La Quinta ballroom on Wednesday night.



\*Random musical fact – the key signature name and designation “minor” are printed in lower-case letters to distinguish them from major keys.



# 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....

**The Orchestra All-Region Clinic and Concert** was held on Jan. 19 and 20 at West Mesquite High School, with 11 of our Apollo students and 3 of our area elementary students participating. Jonathan Shames, the conductor for the junior high group, worked well with the students and together they performed an amazing concert. Congratulations to our wonderful AJH orchestra students!

Thomas Baek, Hanna Choi, Kimberly Larson, Tiffany Lin, Daniel Machuca, Kathryn Siverling, Benjamin Su, Daisy Su, Lisa Sun, Tiffany Wong and Rebecca Yen.

**Fund-Raiser is a Huge Success.** Our second semester fund-raiser is almost wrapped up with a delivery date of February 27 for the products. Students took orders for frozen baked goods from the Kolodjiez Company, including cobblers, pies and, of course, cookie dough. Apollo orchestras earned a profit of over \$1600! Thanks to everyone for your great support!

The AJH orchestra hosted an **Instrument Step-Up Drive** on Thursday, Feb. 1, in the AJH Orchestra room from 6 – 8:00 PM. The event was sponsored by Williamson's Music Company and was a great opportunity for our orchestra students and parents to investigate upgrading their current level of instrument.

The **RISD Orchestra Chamber Music Festival** was held on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Forest Meadow Jr. High. Apollo had a great day with the following students receiving 1<sup>st</sup> division ratings:

**Violin Solos:** Jasmine Jefferson, Jonathan Chari, Jasmine Chowdhury, Laura Peavey, Yuval Kavosh, Steven Zhang, Emily Wright, Garrett Jackson, Daphne Hwong, Kimberly Larson, Kelly Lim, Kimberly Giang, Melody Kao, Tammy Nguyen, Karolina Koziel, Hunter Porter Jeremiah Dalmacio, Tiffany Lin, Jennifer Vo. Honors Awards: Benjamin Su, Thomas Baek, Virginia Nguyen, Tiffany Wong.

**Viola Solos:** Lisa Sun, Daniel Wright, Eric Lam. Honors Award: Thomas Baker.

**Cello Solos:** Rebecca Yen, Colin Horton, Natalie Sobotka, Daniel Machuca. Honors Award: Hanna Choi.

**Bass Solos:** Paul Gomez. Honors Award: Kathryn Siverling.

### Ensembles:

Garrett Jackson and Natalie Sobotka; Kathryn Siverling and Tiffany Nguyen; Jennifer Vo, Tammy Nguyen, Kimberly Giang; Hannah Wolde-Michael and May Uvere; Channing Ricker and Vanessa DeLosSantos.

Honors Awards for Ensembles: Tiffany Lin and Christine Lin; Lynn Hoang, Melody Kao, Kyle Wong, Rebecca Yen.



**UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest.** The Apollo Symphony and 5<sup>th</sup> period Concert Orchestra are preparing music for UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest on March 27 and 28 at Poteet HS in Mesquite. The pre-UIL event will be on March 21 in the Eisemann Center. Parent chaperones and drivers will be needed for both of these events.





# Liberty Junior High Patriots

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*Liberty Orchestra News...*

## Richardson Chamber Music Festival

On Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, Liberty submitted 30 entries to the Festival from Liberty, Audelia Creek, Jess Harben and O.Henry. Our students were awarded **16 FIRST DIVISION** Awards including 1 Honor award. These students were: **Audelia Creek students:** Trishua Proyer, Javiera Cabrera and Tiffany Folks. **O.Henry Students:** Mellina Araujo, Victoria Flores, Diana Galindo, Yoel Kubrom and Brinyae Thompson. **Jess Harben students:** James Lee and Makayla Sparkman. **Liberty students:** Anthony Armstrong, Carrie Fox, Tiffany Horta, Allison Pitney, Cody McDaniel, Ivan Beltran and Josh Omstead. Kemji Edo received an Honor Award. We had **6 SECOND DIVISIONS**.

Congratulations  
to all...

## String Fling

On January 29, Liberty hosted the annual String Fling featuring 110 sixth grade students and 64 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade intermediate orchestra students. The students rehearsed from 6:00 to 6:45, pizza, brownies and soda were served for "dinner". The students consumed 40 pizzas and 8 sheets of Brownies. I would like to thank Mrs. Kirchoff and the other moms for their help in serving the pizza and cleaning up.

## Recruitment Concerts

On March 1 and 2, the Liberty Band and Orchestra will be touring our 6 Elementary schools to begin the recruitment process for next year's Beginner Class. We will combine the Advanced and Intermediate Orchestras for these concerts.

## UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest

On March 27 or 28, the Liberty Advanced Orchestra will compete in the UIL C & SR Contest to be held at Poteet High School in Mesquite.

## Eisemann Festival

On March 21, the Liberty Orchestra will again compete in the Eisemann Festival.





## 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

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Patricia Diers.....	817-440-2818
Denise Holland (Rowlett).....	972-475-2943

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

## 2006/2007

## Combined BAOB Calendar

**February**

BHS February 27 Pre-UIL Concert (BHS)

**March**

BHS March 5 Full Orchestra Rehearsals 4-6:30

BHS March 6-7 UIL Orchestra Contest (PHS)

BHS March 9-16 Spring Break

LJH Wednesday, March 21 Eisemann Festival for Advanced

AJH Wednesday, March 21 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.

LJH Tues or Wed, March 27 or 28 UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest @ Poteet HS in Mesquite

AJH Tues or Wed, 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.

BHS March 28 Council of PTA's (BHS)

BHS March 29-April 1 Breckenridge Trip

**April**

LJH April Spring Fundraiser

**May**

BHS/AJH/LJH Thursday, May 3 Grand Finale Concert, Berkner HS Auditorium. Wear formal concert uniform. 7:00 p.m.

LJH Tues – Fri, May 8 – 11 Sandy Lake Funfest Music Festival

BHS May 12 Orchestra Banquet

LJH Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Liberty Orchestra Spring Concert @ Liberty Small Gym 7:00pm

LJH Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Fun Trip to Hurricane Harbor